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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

CONDITIONS IN GERMANY.

THE LATEST REPORTS.

Paris, February 23.
A message from Berlin says a general strike has been proclaimed at Bochum. The Spartacists bombarded the mining establishments near Duisburg. Government troops are marching to Münster and Barmen.

MORE UNSETTLING FACTORS.

Copenhagen, February 23.
A message from Berlin says that owing to sanguinary disturbances, Government troops have occupied Hanau, in Hessenassau, and disarmed and arrested members of the Red Soldiers' League. The situation in the Ruhr basin is still unsettled, despite the announcement of the calling off of the strike.
An official Berlin telegram, while announcing that the Ruhr Soviets have accepted the Government's armistice terms, including the cessation of the strike and the surrender of arms, states that it is doubtful whether the Spartacists, especially at Düsseldorf, will carry out the terms, but the Government troops are ready to march with a view to establishing order.

A message from Weimar says the National Assembly has passed a vote of confidence in the Government and also passed resolutions demanding a just peace and the union of Germany and Austria.

CIVIL WAR DENIED.

London, February 23.
The Berlin Tagblatt confirms the report that the Spartacists are in power in Bavaria, and the Government forces have provisionally submitted thereto.
A Zurich telegram states that a Soviet Government for Bavaria has been proclaimed.

A telegram from Munich via Berlin denies the report of civil war there. It says the workers have proclaimed a general strike for three days, but no disturbances are reported.

OTHER ITEMS.

Berne, February 22.
It is stated that although the garrison at Munich is on the side of the Spartacists, elsewhere in Bavaria the troops are remaining loyal to the Government. The new Soviet Government has appointed Herr Simon as President.

A message from Warsaw says an inter-Allied sub-committee is proceeding to Prague for the purpose of composing the differences between the Poles and Czechs. A Cologne message says the Essen miners have passed a resolution in favour of a general strike, after an uproarious meeting, at which revolvers were drawn. The moderate elements were expelled.

STATE OF SIEGE IN BADEN.

Copenhagen, February 24.
A message from Karlsruhe says a state of siege has been proclaimed throughout Baden owing to grave disturbances at Mannheim. A message from Munich says a new Socialist Ministry is being formed, to which three representatives of the workers, soldiers and peasants will be attached in an advisory capacity. It is declared that the Diet will be summoned as soon as possible and the present military forces be disbanded and superseded by Republican Defence Militia composed of members of Trade Unions and the Peasants' League.

TROOPS TO BE SENT TO BAVARIA.

Copenhagen, February 6.
The Karlsruhe proclamation of martial law says that the disturbances at Mannheim were instigated by the Spartacists as a protest at the death of Herr Eisner. The Government are determined to prevent outbreaks in Baden similar to those at Ruhr and Munich.
The Frankfurter Zeitung's correspondent at Weimar has interviewed the Minister Noske who said that the resistance of the Spartacist troops in the Ruhr region would be shortly broken. Intervention was necessary in the Duchy of Saxe Coburg Gotha which had declared war on the Empire. It was intended to send troops to Bavaria. The Minister Herr Afer was still alive on Saturday but in a critical condition.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

Copenhagen, February 23.
A message from Berlin says the revised Draft Constitution of the Empire which will come before the National Assembly on the 24th inst. aims at uniformity in regard to military matters, communications, customs and taxes.
It provides that the States renounce the right to conclude International Treaties. Federal interests will be represented by an Imperial Council with a right of veto instead of the Federal House. If the Imperial Council and Assembly disagree, the President can order a referendum or promulgate a law provided it has a two-thirds majority of the Assembly. Small States have no vote and may be re-grouped, even unwillingly.

HUNGARIAN SPARTACIST LEADER LYNCHED.

Copenhagen, February 23.
A message from Budapest via Berlin says the Hungarian Spartacist leader Belakun has been lynched.

RUMANIA'S WAR BILL.

Paris, February 23.
Rumania estimates the war damage chargeable to the Central Powers at £1,140,000,000 and to Russia at £160,000,000.

AMEER OF AFGHANISTAN MURDERED.

London, February 24.
The Press Bureau says advices from Kabul state that the Ameer of Afghanistan was attacked and shot dead in Laghaman Camp early on the morning of the 20th. The motives for the murder are at present obscure. No arrests have been made up to the present.

BRITISH COAL CONTROLLER DEAD.

London, February 24.
The death is announced of Sir Guy Calthrop, the Coal Controller.

FUTURE OF AUSTRIA.

Paris, February 24.
The Temps referring to the Weimar Assembly's anxiety to annex German Austria, having twice in the past fortnight unanimously resolved that Austria should be made a perpetually neutral State.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

PLOT AGAINST PRESIDENT WILSON.

FOURTEEN SPANIARDS ARRESTED.

London, February 24.
A message from New York says fourteen Spaniards were arrested on Sunday night in connection with a plot against President Wilson.

PROPOSAL TO SINK GERMAN FLEET.

STRONG OBJECTIONS BY FRANCE.

Paris, February 23.
Le Journal strongly protests against the reported proposal to sink the surrendered German Fleet in view of the scarcity of metals and machinery, especially in France. It says the French Minister of Marine is absolutely opposed thereto and France will insist on receiving a considerable part of the Fleet.

FRENCH PREMIER PROGRESSING.

Paris, February 23.
This morning's medical bulletin says the improvement in M. Clemenceau's condition continues. His temperature is 98.4 and pulse 68.

A WARNING BY M. TROTSKY.

Stockholm, February 24.
M. Trotsky has issued a Proclamation containing a warning that the Finland Soviet Government will not remain inactive if the concentration of troops on the frontier continues.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

AMERICAN DEMOCRAT'S OUTBURST.

Washington, February 23.
In the Senate, Mr. Reed (Democrat) declared that the League of Nations meant that America would be controlled by "European monarchs and Asiatic despots." He insisted that the League charter conflicted with the American Constitution and characterised the provision for American military participation as monstrous.

HOW IT WILL WORK.

London, February 23.
Lord Robert Cecil interviewed by Reuter, declared that it was certain that a League of Nations would be established as soon as the peace preliminaries were signed. The machinery proposed by the Covenant was extremely simple and could be brought into existence without any trouble. Generally, the decisions are only binding if reached unanimously, that is, excluding parties directly concerned in the dispute. The decisions will be enforced by the whole economic and military power of each nation in the League.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR COMMISSION.

HITCH IN PROCEEDINGS.

London, February 24.
There has been a hitch in the International Legislation Commission. The British draft of the Labour charter advocates the freedom of the workers to go from country to country as they please. Americans strongly oppose this, being anxious to exclude foreign labour from America.

FAMOUS U. S. WOMAN DOCTOR'S DEATH.

New York, February 23.
The death is announced of Dr. Mary Walker, the famous advocate of women's rights. She served in the Civil War as an assistant surgeon.

THE COST OF THE WAR.

HOW MUCH CAN GERMANY PAY?

Paris, February 24.
Probably the question of Germany's western frontiers will come before the Council of ten this week.
No doubt exists that neither Germany nor any other Power could ever possibly afford to pay compensation for damages plus the whole cost of the war. The practical view gaining ground among the delegates is that Germany, being in the position of a bankrupt, in view of her huge liabilities to the Allies, should be made to pay as much as Allied experts estimate can possibly be extracted from her.
M. Pichon stated yesterday that the lines of discussion would be first to ascertain the total amount that Germany could pay; secondly, to decide how much the Allies should ask; and finally the proportion in which the recoverable sum should be distributed among the different Allies.
Mr. Pichon discussed the extent to which the Provinces which formed part of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire, now belonging to new States under the aegis of the Allies, will be held responsible for their share of payments due from the enemy. The Czechoslovaks accept a share of the responsibility. —Havas.

TWO GERMAN STEAMERS CAPTURED.

Paris, February 24.
The French torpedo-boat Oriflamme captured two German steamers navigating in the Baltic without authorisation. They are now on their way to Dunkirk. —Havas.

THE FRENCH PREMIER.

Paris, February 24.
Hopes are expressed that M. Clemenceau will be able to resume work in a few days. —Havas.

NEW AEROPLANE ENGINE INVENTED.

Paris, February 24.
Dr. Rateau has invented a new aeroplane engine, based on the principle of the turbine, designed to produce 20,000 revolutions per minute, enabling far greater altitudes to be attained and also flights from Paris to Algiers in five hours. Constant flights in eight hours and Cairo in eleven hours.

STOP PRESS TELEGRAMS.

THE PARIS CONFERENCES.

SPEEDING UP THE WORK.

London, February 24.
The Press Bureau issues a communique from Paris which says the Reparation Commission has decided to hasten up the work of the sub-committee entrusted with the valuation of damage and the means of payment. Mr. Hughes has been chosen President of a third sub-committee which has been appointed to study the measures of control and guarantee.

OTHER DELIBERATIONS.

London, February 24.
The Press Bureau issues a communique from Paris saying that a meeting of representatives of the Great Powers, at which Marshal Foch was present, referred the Albanian claims to the Greek Affairs Committee and also considered information and proposals from the Inter-Allied Commission at Warsaw.

HOW THE WORK IS PROGRESSING.

Paris, February 24.
M. Pichon, interviewed by Reuter, expressed the opinion that the Preliminary Peace Treaty might be ready for signature by the middle of May. This would not signify the final peace settlement but would merely lay down preliminaries upon which the Associated Powers wished to conclude peace. The Conference had not yet considered the question of the fate of the German Fleet. The Reparation Commission was now on the point of reaching an agreement as regards what constituted reparation. The question of making Germany, Austria and Hungary pay indemnities had not been considered. There was reason to believe that the Spartacist movement had taken a strong hold in Bavaria. Munich was in a state of civil war. The Peace Conference was about to reach an agreement as regards its Russian policy when M. Clemenceau was incapacitated. M. Pichon opined that there would not be much difficulty on the question as soon as the Premier returned.

CONTROL OF CAPITAL ISSUES.

London, February 24.
A Press Bureau notification says the Treasury states that it is impossible to dispense altogether with the control of capital issues, but it will be necessary to reconsider the principles governing sanction and avoid placing unnecessary obstacles in the way of providing capital for a speedy restoration of commerce and industry. In view, however, of the numbers of fresh issues expected, a new Defence of the Realm Regulation would be made prohibiting issues except except under the Treasury's licence, and the Capital Issues Committee had been reconstituted with new terms of reference.

M. CLEMENCEAU'S CONDITION.

Paris, February 24.
M. Pichon, interviewed by Reuter, stated that M. Clemenceau's condition on the 23rd was most satisfactory. The Premier confidently hoped soon to resume work in the Cabinet and Conference. Later.
Reuter's correspondent says it is likely that M. Clemenceau will be able to preside at the Peace Conference meeting on the 27th inst.

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(By Courtesy of the "South China Morning Post")

JAPAN AND CHINA.

"AN ACT OF FRIENDSHIP"

Shanghai, February 25.
Tang Shao-yi announces that he has been informed by the Japanese Consul that Tokyo has instructed Mr. Obata to inform the Waichiaoou that Japan need not receive the balance of the war Participation Loan if China so wishes.
This official announcement is construed as an act of friendship on the part of the Japanese Government.

SHANGHAI AUSTRIAN LAWYER TO REMAIN.

Shanghai, February 25.
Dr. Fischer, the former Austrian lawyer, has registered at the Italian Consulate, and it is understood will not be deported.

CUSTOMS STAFFS DEMANDS.

Shanghai, February 25.
The outdoor staff of the Chinese Maritime Customs is to hold a second meeting to make joint demands for better conditions.

A SHANGHAI MEETING.

Shanghai, February 24.
An Allied meeting called by the British residents passed a resolution denouncing German cruelty to prisoners and thanking China for repatriating alien enemies. Sir Everard Fraser presided.

CHINA TO PUBLISH SECRET PACT.

Shanghai, February 24.
The Peking Government has notified the Peace Conference that it will publish the secret military pact in response to the Conference's demand.

STEAMSHIP ACCOMMODATION.

Singapore, February 24.
The Secretary of State for the Colonies cables that he is unable to make a statement on passenger accommodation, but the public's needs are appreciated and sympathised by him.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was \$1.16d.

The Weather.

Forecast:—cloudy. Barometer:—30.03. Temperature 2 p.m.:—64. Humidity 2 p.m.:—75.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MOTOR CYCLISTS AND THE STAR FERRY.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Sir,—On several occasions lately I have witnessed what anyone in his right senses must consider a very reprehensible practice indeed.

I refer to the habit of certain young foreigners of riding their machines on to and off a crowded ferry, to the no small discomfort of the numerous passengers, who, especially ladies and children, are exposed to great personal danger and risk of having their clothes soiled. I am sure the countries from which these young bloods hail would never tolerate such utter selfishness. If the Ferry Co. does not take action immediately, I think the Police should step in and have this nuisance stopped.

Yours etc.

FAIRPLAY.

Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1919.

HOME FOOTBALL.

PLAYERS' UNION DEMANDS.

London, Dec. 30.—A meeting of the newly-formed Professional Football Players' and Trainers' Union which has now been formally registered as a trade union, was held at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, on Saturday.
Mr. Frank Bradshaw (The Arsenal), who presided, announced that the deputation which had waited upon the Committee of the London Combination had been received with great courtesy, and that their representations would be put before the proper authorities. He believed that the present allowance to players would be doubled.

Mr. Sam Bradley (London District secretary of the A.F.E.), said that they must demand that the Football Association and the League should meet the Union's representatives to agree upon conditions satisfactory to the Union before normal football was resumed. The Union must insist that contracts should be for 12 months only, but there should be no transfer fees as between club and club, that every player should become a free agent at the termination of his agreement, and that 26 a week should be the lowest wage for a professional.

Nearly all those present were enrolled as members of the Union, and it was announced that meetings would be held shortly in Manchester, Birmingham, and Glasgow. Scotland was stated to be solid for the Union, and promises of support had been received from the players of Nottingham Forest, Notts County, Lincoln City, Everton, Hull City, and Leeds City.

In a manifesto issued to players throughout the country, it was demanded that normal football conditions should be resumed as from May 1 next, on which date new engagements should begin.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-NIGHT.

Theatre Royal.—Variety Walk Company, 8.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre.—8.15 p.m.
Coronet Theatre.—8.15 p.m.

TOMORROW.

Victoria Theatre.—8.15 p.m.
Coronet Theatre.—8.15 p.m.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Hongkong Jockey Club.—8.15 p.m.
Theatre Royal.—8.15 p.m.

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GENERAL NEWS.

WOMEN POLICE ATTACKED.
Handsome testimony to the magnificent work done by the Women's Police Force was given at Bow-street recently by an officer of the Canadian Army. He had attended for the purpose of corroborating the evidence of Miss Jean Campbell, Inspector of the Women's Police Force, who was a witness in a charge against a Canadian soldier of assaulting a number of the Women's Force. The incident took place outside the Beaver Hut in the Strand on Saturday night. A policewoman, Lena Campbell, was patrolling outside the hut, and asked the soldier, Charles O'Malley, who was the worse for drink and was talking to two women, to move on. He struck her with his clenched fist and when she cautioned him he hit her another fierce blow on the right cheek, causing her to stagger across the pavement. Miss Jean Campbell said that when she interposed, O'Malley hit her on the chest, knocking her down. Some soldiers and sailors tried to get him away, but he refused to go. A policeman explained that O'Malley was very violent and wanted to fight everybody. O'Malley, who admitted that he was the worse for drink and remembered nothing of the affair, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour. The magistrate said the women had performed their delicate duties with admirable discretion.

COUNTESS'S WEDDING ANNULLED.

A strange marriage story was told in the Divorce Court recently, when Countess Florence de Montaigne, otherwise Stannara, for a decree of nullity of marriage against Count Rene de Montaigne. There was no defence. Counsel said petitioner was living at Ballinrobe, County Mayo, in 1912, when respondent, son of a French marquis, asked her to marry him. He had previously been married in 1909 at Rugby, but, having married without the consent of his parents in France, the latter had the marriage declared null in the French courts on the ground that it was clandestine. The respondent also got a decree of the Catholic Archbishop in London early in 1913 declaring the marriage null. Neither decree was valid according to English law, but the petitioner believed him to be free, and married him in February 1913 at Nottingham. In the same year the respondent's previous wife took proceedings in the Divorce Court for desertion and misconduct with someone else, not the present petitioner, and a decree was granted. The respondent later went to France; never returned to petitioner, and had not supported her. Mr. Justice Coleridge granted a decree of nullity, with costs.



FOR THE PULPIT.

THE PROBLEM OF THE BETTER MAN.

Notes of a sermon by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald at Union Church on Sunday morning:—

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree corrupt and its fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by its fruit."—Matt. 12-23.

Some of the Pharisees had been ascribing the Saviour's good deeds to an evil source. He refuted them with the well-known principle that like only produces like, as was illustrated by the evil which poured forth from their own malevolent hearts:—"How can ye, being evil, speak good things? As men are, so they act and speak." The good man out of his good treasure bringeth forth good things; and the evil men... evil things. Life, therefore, is in the end, a question of character. The rights and wrongs of things are a question of the product of the state of character in the people who constitute society, and it is impossible really to alter the results except by dealing with the causes: "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree corrupt and its fruit corrupt."

Mr. Arthur Henderson, in a striking speech sometime before the war, referred to what he well stated as the problem of the better man. The Churches, he said, had never before realised their social responsibilities so much; the same was true of the scientific world and of Parliament, whose attention was given as never before to the social and economic problems of life. He was afraid, however, that we were all neglecting the problem of the better man, and if we were to have a new environment built upon a higher ideal of life we should have to have a people equal to the new ideal.

The speaker was undoubtedly right. The problem of the better man is at the back of every other problem. Let me give another quotation of about the same date, not from the British Labour leader but an American man of letters—"It is a fair and necessary question to ask whether we have not reached the limit in our advance toward public righteousness without a corresponding advance in personal religion." If such a question was in place a few years ago it is not less so now, when the task of making a world safe for democracy is beset by misgivings as to the fitness of ourselves, the democracy, for a better type of the world than we have produced thus far. It is pretty generally agreed that modern civilisation, like other types which preceded it, has proved in many respects extremely disappointing. There was a time when it seemed impossible to over-praise the wonderful age we were living in, or to expect too much from the remarkable advances in science, in invention, in the organisation of society, the extension of trade, the enlargement of popular liberties, the spread of education, the liberalising of popular religion, which belonged to the 19th century.

We are now well into the 20th century, and for the last ten years or more the word "civilisation" has been apt to appear in commas, or accompanied by such expressions as "so called," "boasted," "nominal." We had ceased to be so sure and self-congratulatory about it. True there was more trade, more wealth, wider dominion, but the people at large were not really happier, nor healthier, nor on the whole even better off. Then came the war. It proved the demonstration of what had long been suspected, that the material progress of mankind had out-run its moral advances during the marvellous last hundred years. The unheeded warnings of thinkers received ghastly confirmation as all the resources of science and invention were seen perverted to serve the primitive unrefined lusts which have cursed humanity from the beginning.

We could have wished ourselves back in the old days when the horrors of war were at least limited by the absence of means for carrying on such as are available now, with the resources of a laboratory and workshop behind it, backed by the bottomless purse and vast populations of modern states. Some malignant destiny might be imagined choosing this very method of bringing misery upon our poor race, forcing us to the top of our bent with unlimited command of wealth and power, and letting us go on misusing it as hitherto. The problem of the future is not that of creating

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A new stretch of railway was being opened across the Western prairie land and a crowd of country folk were gazing at the first train at one of the stations. "Father," cried a child fortunate enough to get near the engine, "I have found out how it goes; there's a man on it." Which little tale may serve for a parable, for the steam locomotive still stands for a sort of embodiment of modern progress, and wonderful as is the engine, it is the man on it that matters, most of all. The right man will guide it to good purpose, but if the wrong one be put in charge, may you and I be elsewhere. It is the man that matters all round, not only on the footplate but in the passenger car no less. It matters little

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FOR THE PULPIT.

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How rapidly he can be conveyed across continent or ocean; the point is what kind of errand is he going on? What are the objects of his haste, the motive of his keen exertion? Rail, telegraph, wireless, aeroplane; free trade, free speech, free press, free thought; secret ballot, popular government—the whole question about all and any of them is the question of the kind of men and women who are to make use of them. The amazing apparatus of modern life can do many things. But there are things beyond its power, and one of them is to enable us to gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles. Chemists are beginning to say that the dream of the old alchemists may turn out to be a dream, but that some day it may be within their power literally to change dull lead into bright gold. That may yet be done, but as Herbert Spencer said in "The Man versus the State" it will never be possible to get golden conduct out of leaden instincts. Leaden instincts—the motive power of dull, heavy, earth-bound souls which cleave in selfishness unto the dust—if there be nothing better than such to work upon, then the more scope you provide the worse will be the results, for the more favourably you situate the corrupt, the bigger is its crop of unwholesomeness.

Fundamental therefore to the urgent work of reconstruction is the work of building character, the problem of the better man. The failure of which so much in our modern civilisation stands convicted, is due to its neglect. I am not thinking specially of the war. Life with all that gives it value, has been wasted in peace with a recklessness which could not be exceeded.

So long as the industrial machine kept running few of us seemed to be alarmed or ashamed at the egregious cost of our material prosperity in values which all the wealth of the world cannot repay—in infant life for instance, in disease and over-toll, in vice and squalor and overcrowding. Starvation, both of body and mind has been the lot of millions under the proud flags of Britain and America, not to mention countries more remote from "the van of progress." Millions have had to grow up in surroundings which would have crushed the possibilities of clean and intelligent citizenship out of most of us had we been exposed to them. Our drink bill—God forgive us, if He can, for we sin against the light and apparently mean to go on sinning—has been six, eight, ten times our bill for education. We starved our schools and fattened our distillers. The jerry builder made fortunes while the character builder, the teacher, made a pittance. Neither brains nor character earns more than a bare living in this world unless they can be turned to direct money-making, and then they deteriorate. I am reminded of a striking passage from Ruskin's "Unto this Last" which is not yet out of date: "It remains open to serious question, whether among national manufactures, that of souls of good quality may not turn out to be quite leadingly lucrative one?"

Nay, in some far away and undreamt of hour, I can even imagine that England may cast all thoughts of pursuing wealth back to the barbaric nations among whom they first arose, and that, while the sands of Golconda may yet stiffen the housings of the charger and flash from the turban of the slave, she, as a Christian mother, may at least attain to the virtues and the treasures of a heathen one, and lead forth her sons, saying, "These are my jewels." Is that day far away and undreamt of still? Let us go on dreaming of it anyhow, for the dreamer of such things turns out in the end to be the most truly practical man after all. And let us hope that the unrest of the time has more beneath it than simply the determination of the many to share the world's wealth more equally with the favoured few.

Men and women are seeking for more pay, more comfort and more leisure. They are not satisfied to remain untaught, incapable, deprived of opportunity to make the most of themselves.

It is a hopeful sign that even amid the anxieties of the war a great Education Act could be passed in England, a housing scheme set on foot, and other reforms put in train. In the piping

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times of peace the cost would have been considered prohibitive, but the war had affected our sense of proportion both as to getting and spending. After spending \$8,000,000 a day to destroy men's lives a few millions a year does not seem exorbitant for saving them, or, put otherwise, having spent billions to make the world safe for democracy it seems reasonable to invest millions in helping to fit the democracy to make a happier world. An investment it is, like planting good trees, and one that will pay commercially with high interest, but if it were otherwise it would be just as much our first duty and as well worth while, for the better man is worth all he can cost and more. If we fail to produce him we fail critically, though our flag should continue to wave in every breeze.

If human beings are not to grow better, what object is there in the world's going on at all? If there is to be no increment in character, no advance in knowledge, kindness, uprightness, large-heartedness, it is hard to see why life should be perpetuated from one generation to another any longer. Among the objects we set before ourselves surely, according to the plainest lesson of the time, must be the production of the better man, for nothing else can justify the travail and suffering of the ages whose rich and costly inheritance we have entered into.

What man who is a man can fail to hear the summons to be more worthy than he has been of the life spared to him, the liberty preserved, the future made possible by the sacrifices of his brethren in these last four years? The problem of the better man is pressed home personally on each one of us. It meets us also in the nursery and the school. You want your children to have more "advantages" in life than you had yourselves. Every parent wants that, and many a mistake is made along the line of the so natural ambition. But what you want most is that your children should be an improvement on yourselves. In your hearts you pray, not so much that they may have more money, higher position, but that they may have grace to live more wisely, more usefully, more fruitfully than you have been able to do.

To the church in especial the same problem is always present. For what is the church's business in the world but to form character in Christ and for Christ? The place of the church in the reconstructed world is the subject of much debate, but it can only be what it has always been, in whatever ways and methods its work may be carried out, viz. to witness for God and the unseen in a world where these too easily pass out of men's knowledge to bring the life of time into the light of eternity, to minister the grace and power of Jesus Christ our Lord, unceasingly beseeching men to be reconciled in Him to God. For that is the heart and essence of the whole problem, to bring us to God truly and practically, till we think His thoughts, delight in His will, are happy in His smile. The root of such a life man is Christ. "I am the vine," He says, "ye are the branches." The branch is fruitless cut off from the vine, so also are you and I if we suffer either the pleasures and satisfactions or the cares and disappointments of this life to come between our hearts and their Divine Redeemer. But if He sees our world becoming a world of really better men, He receives of the travail of His soul and is satisfied.

RETURN OF THE FOSSILS.

London shows a lamentable lack of interest in ostracoderm, and their fellows of the natural history world. After being closed for three years, the galleries at the Natural History Museum, devoted to fossilised fishes and plants, were reopened recently, but a visitor found the galleries deserted save for one or two attendants. There were large show cases packed full of elasmobranchii stegocephala, and other fossils, on view for the first time for three years, and nobody apparently took the slightest interest in them. On the other hand, in another gallery, an African elephant, a little chap measuring exactly 11ft. 4in. in height, with a trunk as long as a torpedo and nearly as thick, drew a large crowd.



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DEATH.

CRISPIN.—At the French Convent Hospital on Tuesday the 25th February 1919, at 9.30 p.m. Adelaide, the wife of C. Crispin, Kowloon Docks, aged 47 years.

The funeral will pass the Monument on Thursday morning, 27th inst., at 8 a.m.

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STRANGE CRITICISM.

There have been many criticisms of the League of Nations since the idea was first mooted, and it would seem from all accounts that the critics are not all silenced even yet. Broadly speaking, the bulk of the adverse comment has been based on the contention that the principle involved is all right theoretically, but that, with human nature as it is, it will never be found to work out in actual practice. That, of course, is a point that can only be answered by experience. Suffice it to say that the question has taken on a more concrete form quite recently, for the scheme contemplated has been set forth in all detail by the publication of the draft of the Articles, and if the letter and the spirit of these Articles are observed by the nations now paying lip-service thereto, the consequence is bound to be a minimising of the risks of war in the future. At any rate, it is something to the good that the scheme finds so many ardent supporters among statesmen of all nationalities, men who are quite as capable of appreciating the difficulties as are the arm-chair critics who profess to see no possible chance for the carrying out of effect of the proposals.

Bearing in mind the point that the underlying idea of the founders of the League is to prevent future wars, we are rather astounded at the attitude taken on the subject by Mr. Borah, an American Senator, as revealed in one of the cables which we printed yesterday. It appears that a motion was brought forward in the U.S. Senate calling on President Wilson to preserve an unbiased mind until he had discussed the League of Nations with that body. This, to begin with, is rather confusing, since President Wilson is regarded as one of the statesmen who have fathered the scheme from the start, if indeed he is not generally considered its sponsor. To ask him therefore to preserve an unbiased mind on the subject appears rather like calling upon a temperance advocate to suspend judgment on abstinence from alcoholic liquor. But to return to Mr. Borah's speech, we find him describing the League as "a most radical departure from American policy to avoid entangling alliances." By the same process of reasoning, Mr. Borah should have objected to America's ever having entered the war. We can appreciate America's past foreign policy, and the ideas at the back of it. But we are living in a new age now, and what suited many a country years ago will not do now. We have, in fact, reached a stage when America cannot continue on her past policy of isolation; she must come even more largely still into world politics. And if association with other Powers in the task of preserving world peace is to be regarded as an "entangling alliance," then the United States should not grieve over a departure from traditional policy.

But more surprising still is the reference which this American Senator makes to Britain in this connection. He argues that the United States should be made one of the guarantors, under the League, of the territorial integrity of the British Empire. At first sight it might appear that this suggestion were based on a friendly motive, but when later Mr. Borah speaks of the League as the greatest triumph of British diplomacy for three centuries and then goes on to refer to "America's greatest commercial rival" as having five votes to America's one, the other side of the picture presents itself. If Mr. Borah, or any other of the American Republicans, is under the impression that Britain is espousing the League of Nations from any ulterior motive, they are sadly mistaken. In the past, we have been fairly well able to look after ourselves, and we do not doubt that, whatever happens, we shall be able to do so in the future. It is for the benefit of weaker States that we have taken up this League of Nations ideal so warmly, and our willingness to fall in with its principles provides the greatest possible proof of our sincerity and unselfishness.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

OUR NEW GOVERNOR.

The speculation which has prevailed regarding the successor to Sir Henry May has been brought to an end by the announcement that Mr. R.E. Stubbs, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary of Ceylon, has been appointed Governor of Hongkong. The new Governor is personally known to several local officials, for he was here on a rather extended visit some eight years ago, when he investigated the question which is now under consideration of a Hongkong Commission—the revision of civil servants' salaries. All who met him speak most highly of him. He has made rapid progress in the Colonial Service, for it was only eighteen years ago that he entered the Colonial Office as Second Class Clerk, and now he receives what is regarded as the "plum" of the Service. He is considerably younger than most of the former Governors of the Colony, but that is all to the good in these days, when freshness of outlook is so much to be desired. In the name of the community generally we have no hesitation in saying that his advent will be keenly awaited, and that he will receive a hearty welcome to our shores. We trust that his Governorship will prove fruitful in every way and that in this place of great opportunities he will add fresh lustre to his already admirable record.

THE GERMAN FLEET.

The newspapers at Home state that the British Admiralty is about to urge on the Peace Conference that the surrendered German Fleet be sunk, and that the Atlantic and Heligoland forts be razed to the ground. No surprise will be felt at the latter of these requests, for the destruction of these forts is absolutely necessary for the safeguarding of peace. It may be held, of course, that they should be occupied by one or more of the Allies, but that proposition would give rise to much difference of opinion on the part of those concerned. We think that the recent proposal is the best solution of the problem. With regard to the proposal to sink the surrendered German fleet, there will be, we think, much discussion. There is, of course, the chance that the report is not true, but the Home papers have probably something to go on. The proposal is on the face of it very startling. Surely some better means can be devised for the disposal of the German Navy. Sheer waste can never be commended, whatever the object in view. This is no question that the German fleet must be destroyed, but it can be destroyed from a naval point of view and still remain a useful adjunct to the Allies in peace. Our technical knowledge is not great enough to know whether the erstwhile German fleet can become merchant ships or liners, but nevertheless we hazard a guess that this might be done. In any case the material and machinery must be in themselves of colossal value and use especially in these times of reconstruction of world industry and shipping.

THE SITUATION IN GERMANY.

In the first days after the signing of the Armistice, there seemed every sign that Germany was about to become another Russia. Chaos and bloodshed were the order of the day, and the whole country seemed to be rushing to absolute destruction. Gradually, however, we saw the innate orderliness and discipline of the German issuing from the mass of civil strife and disruption, and until recently there seemed every reason to believe that the German nation had determined to make the most of its changed conditions. The Spartacist movement had been overcome, and though this menace was always hovering in the background, it was considered that it would be kept within bounds. But all this has changed in the last week, and in one huge stride, Germany has nearly gone back to the stage to which defeat and humiliation at first brought her. For the moment the Spartacists, or to give them their Russian name, the Bolsheviks, are supreme at least in Bavaria, where sensational happenings are reported. A Soviet Republic has been proclaimed in this state, and the military are unable to cope with the situation. Ministers have been shot at and killed in the Diet, and civil war has broken out. It seems that Germany is unable to rebuild herself, and the Allies will in all probability have to lend a hand in saving the country from itself.

DAY BY DAY.

IN JUDGING OTHERS, LET US NOT FORGET THAT A KINDLY SPIRIT WILL NEVER DO ANY HARM.

In the Open Billiard Championship, Mr. F. W. Black and Mr. K. Higashida meet to-night.

A Shanghai paper says Mr. H. J. Brett has been appointed Secretary to H. M. Legation for Commercial Affairs in South China, and will shortly leave for Hongkong, where he will take up his residence.

The Vanity Fair Company opens its new season at the Theatre Royal to-night, with a special and most attractive programme. The box plans for this performance will be on view between five and eight o'clock at the Hongkong Hotel.

Somebody threw crackers into a matchbox and this set fire to it. The owner of the matchbox was informed that a certain Chinese woman had indulged in this game and remonstrated with her. Each summoned to his or her aid the choicest words in the Chinese vocabulary. The woman invoked the aid of a bamboo and the man an iron bar. The man brandished his weapon on his enemy cutting her deeply on the forehead. The prosecuting sergeant said both parties were to blame. The owner of the matchbox pleaded justification for his deed. Mr. Wood fined him \$10 or gave him the alternative of going to gaol for seven days.

The gross proceeds of the opening night of "Pinkie and the Fairies" are to be allocated to the Hongkong War Memorial Fund. For quaintness and beauty, no fairy play of a similar nature can compare with "Pinkie." It is a musical play for grown-ups and children, appealing to all. The Hongkong production has been brought entirely up-to-date by the introduction of several numbers out of "The Happy Family," a Christmas play with music by Cuthbert Clark. The public is reminded that the booking opens at Montreuil's on Friday, the 27th inst., at 9 a.m. There being no advance booking by vouchers, the general public will all share the same opportunity of obtaining good seats.

There was a large crowd yesterday on the football ground to watch Chinese jugglers in their acrobatic turns. Some one in this gathering deceived his friends and associates that he was carrying a silver watch in his pocket. He had a nice chain protruding out and one thief, who was quite enamoured of the chain, thought it was attached to a nice watch. So he pulled it out, but to his surprise, he pulled out a whistle. He was so sick at this discovery that he dropped the chain and whistle on the ground. The force of the drop attracted the attention of the crowd, and a hue and cry were raised and the man chased and arrested. The pick pocket was produced before Mr. J. R. Wool this morning. He said that he had to sleep in the street, but he was doing odd jobs. Sergeant Floyd was asked to make enquiries.

Some of the Chinese who did not turn up at the Races gambled at home. Fifteen men and a woman were found in a house in Circular Pathway too absorbed in an illegal Chinese game. When brought up this morning all pleaded guilty except the woman and the sixth and seventh defendants. The Chinese constable, who arrested this gambling party, said the woman was backing the luck of the fifth defendant. That in itself would not convict the woman. What really incriminated her was the story that she went to the house to see her nephew, who had a cold. The nephew, it appeared, was not at the time of the arrest. The seventh defendant said he went to the place to fetch his shoes, which he had given in for repair. Quite a fertile imagination this man possessed, but the story did not catch on, as there were no cobblers on the premises. The gambling party were fined \$2 each and the \$5.1 ordered to be confiscated.

MODERN MODES.



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NEGLIGENCE OF CHIFFON AND SATIN.

Loose, graceful, insouciant lines are the distinguishing features of the Occidental copies of Oriental dress, as it is to-day and as it was in the long ago yesterdays. The original garment took no heed of the corset and its constriction of the female form divine; and it is in the discarding of this essentially Western accessory, during the moments of leisure, that the negligee finds its raison d'être—true relaxation of the body and mind while enswathed in cloudy, semi-diaphanous folds, compounded of delicate chiffon, satin and filmy laces, after the simple formulae of the East.

For no matter what the materials, or how infinitely varied the colours, the final effect must be free from any suggestion of fussiness and must spell "rest"—it is to appeal to the fastidious woman.

There is a veritable rage for the two-tone negligee—orchid and pink, blue and maize, pink and blue, violet and white, gray and rose, and so on. The usual way is to have the satin slip of white or flesh tone topped by a filmy over-slip of two colours in George or chiffon. The slip may be loosely belted, but ordinarily the overdress falls in opalescent folds from shoulder to ankle. Chiffon breakfast coats (a decided departure from the old-age models) are lined with silk and frequently of shaded tones. These are easily slipped on and off and are feminine to the last degree.

FASHIONS IN LAMP SHADES.

The lamp shade that does not obscure the light is the one to choose. The characteristic blues and greens of China and the quaintly pictured scenes accord well with rooms in which the element is already manifested, while as for the Japanese designs they are still more amenable to ordinary surroundings, and in white and gold upon a black or brown frame are admirable.

Little candle shades in two shades of one colour, such as blue or rose, with plenty of white and a border of crystal tassels, make

are the newest things in negligees. They come in both long and short varieties and are made of crepe de chine, crepe Georgette and similar materials. Several of them are sunpleated and show the edges bound with ribbon. Frequently there is a ribbon lacing part way down the front to facilitate the speedy donning and removal of the little garment.

Negligees and matinees of dotted Swiss, embroidered muslin and organdies are delightful the year around. They are dainty in themselves, practical in their wearing qualities and tuberculously. Even the ribbons are lavable, although experience suggests that it is well to remove the dainty blue and pink strips of satin before confining the garment to the uncertain mercies of the laundress.

CAPS ARE QUAINLY OLD-FASHIONED.

Boudoir caps have increased in number and beauty since their revival several years ago. It is essential that they should be of exquisitely fine quality in both laces and embroideries, and that in shape they should be far removed from the commonplace. The designers have evidently studied old portraits and engravings for inspiration and these have been modernised so that the eternally youthful element of the modern woman is in no way jeopardised by the quaint character of the old-new boudoir caps.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SOME INTERESTING QUESTIONS.

The Legislative Council meets to-morrow, when the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak will ask the following questions:—

(1) With reference to the following Resolution unanimously passed at a crowded Public Meeting in the Theatre Royal on the 7th November last:—

"That the Government be asked to appoint a Commission to enquire into the Housing Problem and transit questions in connection with the same."

and submitted to the Government in a covering letter from the Constitutional Reform Association on the 8th November to which the Government replied on the 15th November that

"the Resolution quoted therein will be laid before His Excellency the Governor on his return to the Colony"

in view of the resignation of His Excellency, Sir Henry May will the Government state what measures it now proposes to take to give prompt effect to the wishes of the Colony?

(2) With reference to the following telegrams despatched by Reuter's Agent to Reuter's head office in London on the 8th November—

"Large Public Meeting resolved unanimously that Germans deported from the Colony to Australia should at the conclusion of the War not be permitted to return to Hongkong or China but be repatriated to Germany. The Meeting re-affirmed the unaltered conviction that no German subject be allowed to reside in the Colony or trade here for a period of years."

on the 9th January:—

"At a Public Meeting it was unanimously resolved to telegraph the Secretary of State for the Colonies asking for reform in the Constitution of the Legislative Council to secure the increase from 5 to 9 of unofficial members thus giving a majority of the unofficial."

Will the Government state whether these telegrams were suppressed or not by the Cable Censor, under instruction from the Government, and if so why?

(3) Will the Government state when the censorship of commercial, private and press telegrams is likely to cease?

(4) Will the Government take steps to urge the Admiralty to include Hongkong in the tour of the Grand Fleet which it has been announced will be sent to Australia, New Zealand, and India?

(5) Will the Government take steps to secure for Hongkong, as public War Souvenirs, some of the guns captured from the Germans?

(6) What was the date of the last Census and when does the Government propose to take the next one?

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to restrict temporarily the persons who may engage in business connected with certain non-ferrous metals and metallic ores.

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First reading of Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Summary Offences Ordinances, 1845 to 1918.

First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to authorise the Union Insurance Society of Canton Limited to convert its silver capital into gold.

INTERNATIONALISATION.

MR. WILSON'S MANDATE FROM THE WORLD.

Internationalisation has many aspects. A *Mainichi Chronicle* message somewhat discounts the theory that President Wilson invented it so that the League of Nations should have a bone to gnaw.

At the latest discussions on the German colonial question, it is stated, the idea of a common international control was dropped because of the ghastly failures of the system in Morocco and Central Africa, while President Wilson objected to the very term "internationalisation" as connecting administrative failure and political intrigue, and offered as an alternative the term "mandate from the world."

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HONGKONG REPORT.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society is to be held at the Helena May Institute on March 4 at 5.15 p.m. when the Bishop of Victoria will preside and addresses will be given by the Rev. G. H. Bandfield of Shanghai and Miss K. Woo, principal of St. Paul's Girls' College.

The annual report records a steady endeavour to keep the claims of the Society before the public. The issues of Scriptures in various languages, by sales from the Wyndham Street Depot in 1918, amounting to 6,432 copies, are deemed encouraging. In addition sales were effected from Kowloon, through the Revd. H. E. Anderson, Sub-Agent of the Society, who thus disposed of 3,267 copies, whilst by means of colportage, under the immediate control of the Sub-Agent or supervision of missionaries, there was a further distribution by sales of 112,553 copies; an advance of 30,000, approximately, on the figures of the Hongkong Auxiliary for the year 1917. The aid from collections in Churches is less by \$144.21 than that of 1917 but the funds obtained from the Ladies Committee reached a slightly higher total. In this connection the Committee observes, with appreciation, the work done for the Society by St. Andrew's Church. The total income raised by the Hongkong Auxiliary during the twelve months shows a slight falling off, which is sufficiently accounted for by conditions.

1st Anzac: "Hulloa, digger! Going to Bath?"
2nd Anzac: "Had one this morning, mate!"

France will indeed come into her "aisne" as the Scotsman says, when Lauraine and Alsace are finally handed back to her with compliments of the Peace Conference. And Italy will roam but a little way to recover her lost possessions. And if Germany is compelled to hand over any of her famous Spas, she will regret the day she sparred up to such robust fighters as the Allies.

There is a growing feeling on the part of the public at Home that we must insist on compensation for our torpedoed ships, and exact payment in the shape of ton for ton and keel for keel. But I know of one Kiel we should get for nothing.

In my opinion, one of the most sinister spots in the history of the past five years, is Heliogoland. With devilish cunning the Germans prepared this place as the primary means of Britain's isolation and downfall. I shall never be able to understand why the Huns did not re-name the place by deleting its last three syllables.

Some two years ago, when exploring a delightful little old-fashioned village in England, I came upon an ancient inn with the quaint sign of "The Clove and Hoof." I thought it quite a suggestive name, and one not calculated to increase the spirits of nervous soldiers back from fighting the devil with the cloven hoof.

A strong and wise man is he who can always say "neigh." But a fop and an ass is he who always "haw, haw!"

A lady of culture once gave me the following feminine definition of man, which if true is an anomaly: "The older a man is the more knowledge he has acquired, but still he remains foolish. The younger a man is the lesser his knowledge but still he is foolish." What is the inference?

Anyway, as a set-off against that opinion, here is another: "Whether fifty or twenty or thirty or forty, a woman is always the same. She'll camouflage plenty, is flirty or haughty; But ne'er thinks of playing the game. She must have fine houses and pneumatic blouses, And satins, and shoes with high heels. But when hubby rouses, and breaks into grouches, Then that is the time that she squeals."

N. B.—This is to certify that the above verse was written in a moment of mental aberration by a certain misogynist, and is not necessarily the opinion of SIMPLY SIMON.

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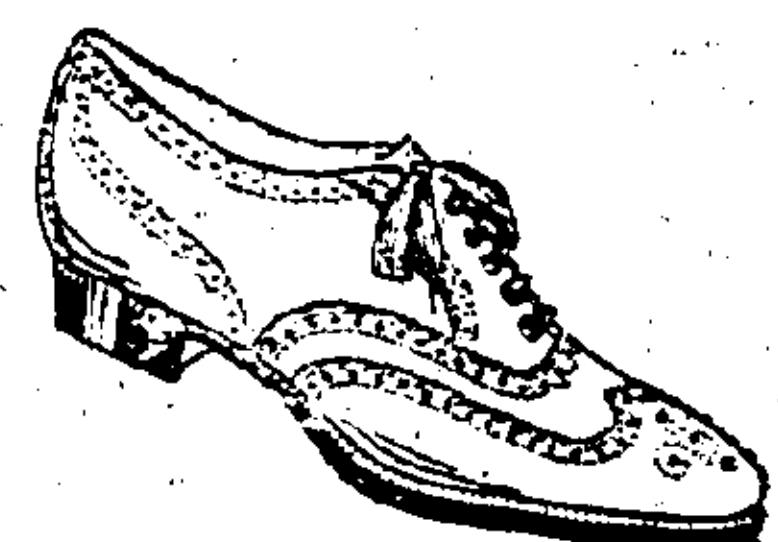
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INFLUENZA IN JAPAN.

55,000 DEATHS IN FOUR
MONTHS.

Yokohama, Feb. 11.—According to Dr. Kato, in charge of the Infectious Diseases Prevention Bureau in Home Office, upwards of 55,000 persons in Japan have died from influenza since the beginning of October to January 20th. The epidemic is more severe in Tokyo than in any other district. The following table shows the number of victims and fatal cases in various districts during the prescribed period:—

	Victims.	Deaths.
Kyoto & neighbourhood	300,000	3,500
Saitama Prefecture	482,000	1,500
Niigata	400,000	5,150
Gumma	269,000	1,300
Shizuoka	615,000	2,100
Toyama	206,000	800
Kagawa	520,000	4,200
Fukuoka	674,000	7,100
Kumamoto	659,000	4,900
Ehime	566,000	5,200
Shiga	221,000	60

Dr. Kato says the total number of victims throughout Japan up to the present exceeds eight millions.

In Hongo Ward, Tokyo, eleven primary schools were closed yesterday for one week owing to the spread of the epidemic. Schools in other wards will, it is reported, also close shortly.

In Kanagawa Prefecture, which includes Yokohama, there are now 34,000 victims of the epidemic, which is especially rampant in the Tsukui, Tachikawa, Koza and Noka and Naka districts.

WHISPERED WIT.

There were lots of pretty fages
at the Races this week.

In spite of popular opinion to the contrary, the ladies love races. Especially the Maiden Stakes, which might appropriately be termed the Matrimonial Stakes. Often a maiden stakes her last scent (bottle) or powder puff on that particular event. And she knows how to set the pace, believe me.

And, oh, the hats, the lovely hats, and the gowns (or godowns, as one of our compositors preferred to call them) and costumes that will go down in the feminine history of Hongkong as the best ever.

Father was there with the girls in their new costumes, smiling and gay to all appearances; but he must have been doing a bit of mental arithmetic in figuring out the cost-to-him.

And when, near the finish of one event, the winner I backed stumbled badly, it gave me quite a "start."

It was indeed a Happy Valley for the lucky backers, and they were satisfied, that, for them, it has been, financially, a Victory Week.

For my part I was glad to be home to take two to one of my usual night caps which, for refreshing purposes, I find a handy cap.

Our Vanity Fair favourites have returned to Hongkong to give us a return. And the Fair favourites should again charm us with their pretty songs and dances.

Little Titchener and that droll comedian, Leslie Holmes, will again draw us from our homes to enjoy their witticisms. And really the whole company are so full of bubbling humour that there is a constant stream of funny jokes from these sunny folks.

Ships that pass in the night.—Friendship and worship. And ships that are with us all the time.—Relationship and hardship.

Soldiers in Military Hospitals in England frequently complained of their badly fitting hospital clothes. In that case they must have had a bad fit of the blues.

People in Australia are wearing a kind of gas mask as a precaution against the flu epidemic. But it is in the Parliament Houses that they are mostly needed.

If the ex-Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, Mr. Cook, had been a younger man and had joined the boys in burrowing dug-outs on the Western Front, would he have been a Kookaburra? Think it over.

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During the course of the past fifty years the progress that Japan has made in the adoption of Western methods and ideas is very notable. The development of her many industries and the huge navy and mercantile marine she has built, gives us but a slight indication of what to expect from Japan in the near future should the same rate of progress be maintained. A study of the Far Eastern policy, as adopted and carried out by Japan, presents many features which, in themselves, are highly complicated. The lending of China of huge sums of money and her demands for certain South Sea Islands can have behind it, all but one aim and ambition. To be absolute dictator on the Pacific has been the dream of many countries in the past and Japan appears to be making a bold bid for this coveted position. But before she can hope to see her ambitions realised, it is necessary for her to exert, in part, great control of China. This, of course, would mean to Japan practically absolute control of the Far East and when this is assured, part of her programme has been accomplished. It is quite well known that enmity of a kind exists between Japan and China. This has been demonstrated even during the past few years. Why then should Japan take such a great interest in the affairs which concern China? Undoubtedly Japan is the one to benefit by the gaining of greater influence in political circles and government departments. By force of arms Japan cannot achieve her policy in China since the inevitable interference of the European Powers makes this impossible, so another policy has to be adopted and put into execution. This policy is now being carried out, quietly and unostentatiously, and its ultimate achievement is a matter easy to foresee were the Western Powers and the United States content to let the prize slip from them. The building by America of a huge mercantile marine must eventually be the cause of shattering Japan's present domination of the ocean commerce of the Pacific for, with a fleet of American-owned vessels operating on the Pacific, Japan must make great exertions if she is to hold her present position in the carriage of commerce, yet Japan's programme, in China, if successful, must in many ways help on her shipping prospects of the future. The question of the Caroline Islands and other pre-war German possessions in the South Seas, which Japan proposes to retain, has already attracted public notice and Australia has raised great objections to this. A scrutiny of a large scale chart of the Pacific makes it at once clear how valuable these islands would be to Japan both from a commercial point and in time of war. This question of occupation it is to be hoped will be settled in a satisfactory manner at the Peace Conference in Europe and indications point to a settlement that will be disappointing to Japan. Up to the present the Japanese programme has in every way been most successful but her future plans are vast in the extreme, extending as they do over the mighty bosom of the Pacific and embracing a commercial control in Eastern waters and internal China hitherto undreamed of. When we consider Japan's present influential sway in China and the vastness of her resources, built up as a result of the war, the position of dictator on the Pacific and control of Far Eastern affairs appears to be well within her reach. The battle for commercial predominance is one, however, in which both Great Britain and America are keenly interested and the struggle for supremacy cannot but be to the benefit of China which will profit by the expansion and increased facilities for trade brought about by such competition. Shipping and Engineering.

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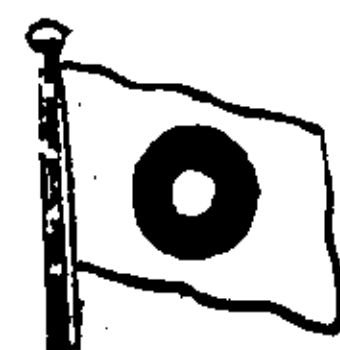
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notified that they must produce
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of Lading can be countersigned.
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aged goods are to be left in the
Godowns, where they will be ex-
amined on the 24th February
1919 at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented
within a month of the steamer's
arrival here, after which they
cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the
Godowns and all goods remaining
undelivered after February 26th
1919, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever
will be effected.

Consignees are requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for
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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
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Optional Goods will be carried
on unless instructions are given
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TO-DAY.

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Damaged packages must be left
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by the Consignees and the Co.'s
representatives at an appointed
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here, after which date they can-
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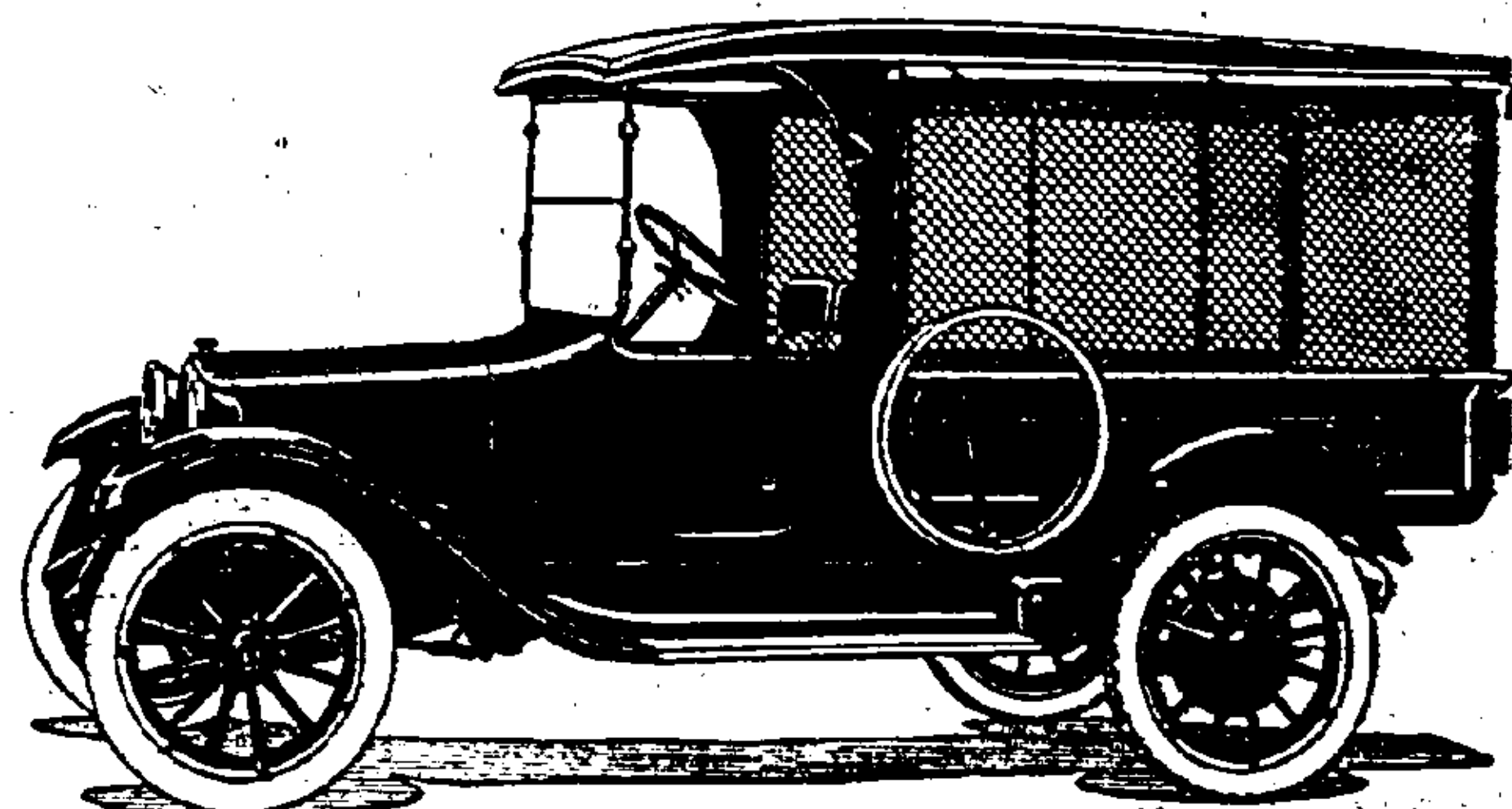
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A meeting of doctors held in the Singapore C. C. pavilion on February 18 very strongly voiced their indignation and sense of injustice at the commandeering of the P and O steamships Nore and Novara for the repatriation of German women and children from China, resulting in the postponement of the homeward passages of a number of British women and children, creating a serious danger to their health and lives as to which the doctors alone are able to pronounce.

On the motion of Dr. Lucy, Dr. Galloway was voted to the chair.

The Chairman said that that meeting was called to see what steps they could take to annul or at least mitigate the arbitrary action of the Home Government in commandeering certain vessels which had been practically reserved for the repatriation of our own women and children. As medical men, they knew that during the last year or two they had had to face clinical problems with which prior to 1914 they were unacquainted. Those clinical problems were nothing more nor less than the effects of prolonged compulsory residence in a climate such as this, and they had had and still had only one remedy, the obvious one of leaving the Colony as soon as possible. Impressed by these conditions that they had found in their practice, they joined hands with their colleagues of the F.M.S. some months ago in sending a suggestion to the Government that they should see to it that accommodation was made available as early as possible in

the year for the repatriation of the women and children. Those matters seemed to be in a fair way to arranging themselves when on Saturday the news was sprung upon them about the Nore and Novara, and they felt that they would be committing a grave breach of faith to their clients and a grave breach of their duty to their profession if they did not lodge a most serious and emphatic protest against the action that had been taken by the Home Government. (Applause.)

As to the grounds of the action, they left it to others to protest. They could only approach the point from the standpoint of their own profession, and that was an advantage to them, for while they were able not only to protest, they were in a position, from their personal experience, to put forward a most serious and grave warning as to the probable effects of the action that had been taken by the Home Government. They had protested and did protest against that ill-judged action—if there was any judgment in its conception at all. They had to consider what form their action would take—whether the form of a deputation to the Governor or a resolution by the medical men of Singapore. Personally, he thought the latter by far the more advisable course. He invited expressions of opinion upon the point. Before sitting down he might tell them that they had most emphatic support from the F.M.S., Penang and Malacca. A telegram had been received from Dr. Day, Kuala Lumpur, saying—

"Protest most strongly. Regard it criminal neglect of sick British. Germans should travel on returning Australian troop ships after all deserving British evacuated. Regret unable attend meeting. Suggest cable Medical M. P."

Then Dr. Sharp, as representing the practitioners in Penang, had wired—

"Penang doctors agree urgency strongest action against diverting ships."

Dr. Rattray, of Malacca, secretary of the estate medical officers, had telegraphed—

"Join you in emphatic protest against expropriation of passages for repatriation of Germans. Have called attention urgently to control of passages in connection with approaching monsoon and relative dissociation of climates east and west particularly unfavourable to majority of sick individuals. Surely sick English women and children have waited long enough for opportunities conferred by victory. Feel sure my protest upheld by all signatories to petition to his Excellency on subject."

They would see, therefore, that they were very strongly supported by practically the whole of the F.M.S. and the Colony. He would now be glad to have any suggestions from those present.

Dr. Lucy proposed that the action taken should be in the form of a resolution. They could, he said, be quite certain that his Excellency the Governor was in full sympathy with them, and had already taken such action as was possible. If they passed a resolution from the united ranks of their profession, it would perhaps be the best action that they could take, and they would have the hearty goodwill of the Governor, who would probably forward their telegram home for them.

Dr. Black seconded, remarking that the hon'ble Mr. Maxwell, Acting Colonial Secretary, made it quite clear at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the previous day that his Excellency the Governor had done every mortal thing that was in his power to forward the interests of British women and children in Malaya and had forwarded no less than three telegrams. The speaker thought that it was their bounden duty to support his Excellency, and by sending a resolution their protest would get home much more quickly and tell much more strongly than by a deputation.

The motion to proceed by way of resolution was carried. Dr. Finlayson said that in addition to the resolution they should also, as suggested by Dr. Day, approach the medical committee in the House of Commons. The committee had only recently been formed, under the chairmanship of Sir William Watson Cheyne, and with such a large number of members of the profession in Parliament pressure could be brought to bear as regarded the urgency of their demand.

The Chairman submitted a form of resolution for discussion, and in suggesting that the words "and other vessels" besides the Nore and Novara be included, Dr. Finlayson said he understood that Blue Funnel steamers were also to be commandeered.

It was on the suggestion of Dr. Croucher that, on the basis of the support indicated by the telegrams read to the meeting, the resolution was worded as from the medical men of Malaya, and not of Singapore only.

The resolution as finally adopted was as follows—

"We, the undersigned medical men in Malaya, wish to associate ourselves with the protests which have been made

by others against the action of the Home Government in rendering the Nore and Novara non available for the repatriation of the women and children from the Straits and Federated Malay States. These, on the ground of climate alone, have a paramount claim to primary consideration. We view the post ponement of the departure of those from the Colony with the gravest misapprehension and our experience of the last year warrants us in giving an emphatic warning that such postponement cannot be carried out without entailing the gravest risks to the health and lives of numbers of British women and children."

The Chairman then read the following telegram sent home on the previous day to the P and O head office, by Mr. Buckland, local agent of the P and O, suggesting its wording as suitable for that which, as proposed by Dr. Finlayson, they should send to Sir William Watson Cheyne—

"Medical profession Straits most indignant Admiralty action in giving preference German to exclusion of passages 90 British women children from Straits, those booked by Nore Novara being most urgent invalid cases, all needing after long residence in tropics immediate change to Europe. Can you make this representation to the Admiralty, which is endorsed by Unofficial Members Legislative Council here?"

It was decided slightly to vary this wording, the following being adopted as the text of the telegram to be sent to Sir William Watson Cheyne—

"Medical profession Straits most indignant Admiralty action in giving preference German women to exclusion of passages 90 British women and children from Straits those booked by Nore Novara being most urgent invalid cases all needing after long residence in tropics immediate change to Europe. Strongly urge ask question in Parliament."

Dr. Finlayson mentioned that a telegram had been sent to Mr. Havelock Wilson. The Chairman—Yes, the ladies sent a telegram to Mr. Havelock Wilson. Probably more will be done through that than anything else.

Dr. Glennie said he supposed that in sending their resolution to Government a suggestion would be made that it should go home.

The Chairman said he thought that enough had gone home. The resolution would strengthen the Governor's hands, and he might send it home—he probably would.

The meeting concluded with an expression of thanks to Dr. Galloway for presiding, proposed by Dr. Glennie.

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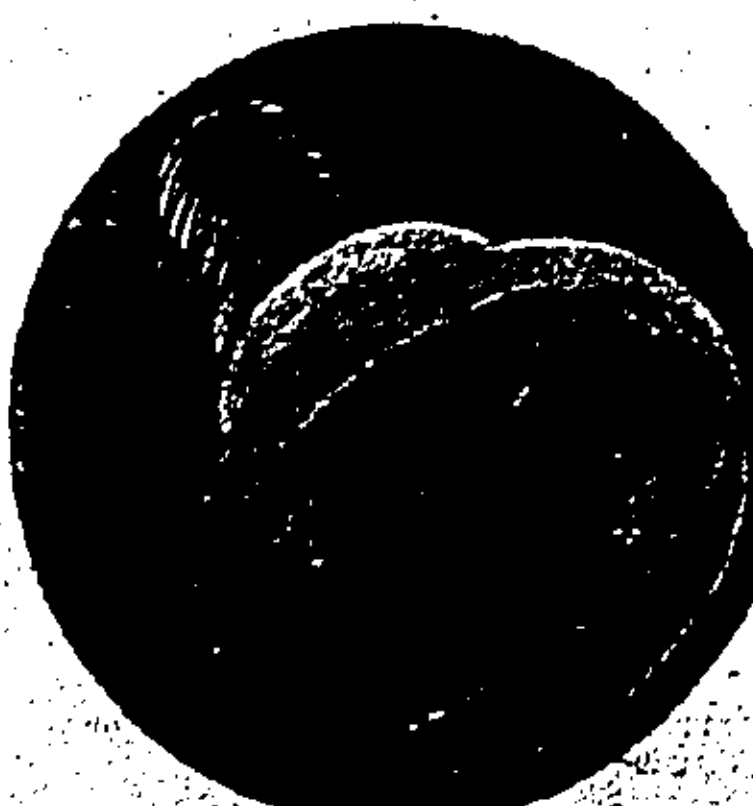
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"LADIES' DAY" AT THE RACES.**FINE WEATHER STILL CONTINUES.****MR. HILL WINS THE LADIES' PURSE.**

Yesterday, the second day of the Races, will long remain in the memory of those who attended the course as one of the most successful "Dorby days." From all points of view all concerned were satisfied. The weather was beautiful with a moderate breeze which made the ladies glad they had brought their furs, but as the day wore on, and the sun got stronger, these were discarded and Hongkong's fair dames came out in all the glory of their new Race costumes, and a brilliant scene it was. The course was in perfect condition and as stated yesterday, the favourites had it pretty much their own way. The big event, the Hongkong Derby, was a huge success, in spite of the somewhat small "field," and resulted in one of the most exciting finishes ever witnessed at Happy Valley. Mr. Hill's win on the favourite, Mountain King, was most popular and the jockey must have blushed with pride at the greeting he received from the Grand Stand as "Mr. Potts led the horse in. The attendance was somewhat larger than on the first day, consequently dividends improved. Of the jockeys, Mr. Burkill took the lead with Mr. Johnstone in second place. The order was as follows:—

Mr. Burkill, 3 winners, 2 seconds, 1 third.
Mr. Johnstone, 2 winners, 1 second, 1 third.
Mr. Vida, 2 winners, 1 third.
Mr. Moller, 1 winner, 4 seconds, 1 third.
Mr. Hill, 1 winner, 1 second, 1 third.
Mr. Kremer, 1 winner, 1 second.
Mr. Knoll, 1 second.
Mr. Doyle, 1 second.
Mr. Sedgwick, 2 thirds.
Mr. Adams, 1 third.
Mr. Crokam, 1 third.
Mr. Dalglish, 1 third.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.
To-day was "Ladies' Day" and the principal interest was, of course, centred in the 4th Race—The Ladies' Purse. The weather was again all that could be desired and the fair ones took full advantage of the opportunities of displaying their smart dresses. The course was in the pink of condition and the arrangements, as on the previous days were complete in every detail. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government was again present, genial as ever, with a smile and a nod for all, and a gay party occupied the Governor's box. Bandmaster Vassallo excelled his two previous days' efforts and his choice of selections played by the Band of the 18th Infantry was appropriate and the items excellently executed. The programme was as follows:—

1. Overture, Rosamunde, Maker.
2. Onstep, The policeman's holiday, Schubert-Ewing.
3. Valse, Destiny, Baynes.
4. Song, The Magic of your Voice, Hardy.
5. Selection, Tipperary, Douglas.
6. March, Amour de Patria, Tuffin.
7. Onstep, All aboard for Dixie Land, George.
8. March, Rule Britannia, Arne.
1. Selection, Yes Uncle, Ayer.
2. March, The Middy, Alford.
3. One step, Hongkong, Sanders.
4. Valse, Charming, Joyce.
5. Song, I'm sorry I made you cry, Cressal.
6. Selection, The marriage market, Jacobi.
7. One Step, Oh you beautiful Doll, Brown.
8. March, Under the Stars, Weiss.

The Police are to be congratulated on the admirable way they have controlled traffic down Queen's Road East, past Happy Valley to the Race Course. There have been no annoying obstructions, and for this the public is thankful to the Captain Superintendent of Police for stopping truck traffic and coolies carrying loads on their heads and on their shoulders between 10 and 7 p.m. during the Races. In the past it has been very annoying to the Police and those who go to the Races to have their cars stopped near the gate because of some body in front bargaining with the chauffeur or running off to get change or asking the chauffeur to carry a message for his wife. This has, happily, been obviated this year by the excellent Police arrangements.

The honour of winning the Ladies' Purse fell to Mr. Hill, who, on Grey Goose, rode a very fine race. At the conclusion of the race, the usual gathering took place on the Grandstand, those present including H.E. Mr. Claud Savern and Mr. T. F. Hough, as well as many other officials.

The purse was presented to the successful jockey by Miss Gurner, to whom Mr. Hill handed a beautiful bouquet. Mr. Hill said he had not prepared a speech, as he thought Mr. Johnstone would win the race. This was the first time he had won the race, but he hoped it would not be the last. He then called for three cheers and a "tiger" for the ladies, which were lustily given. Mr. Hill then escorted Miss Gurner to tiffin.

1.—THE GRAND STAND STAKES.—Winner \$900. Second \$300. Third \$100. For China ponies bona fide Griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one Race 5 lb.; of two or more Races 10 lb. extra. Subscription Griffins allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. Cire's Starlight, 10.12 (Mr. Moller) 1
Messrs. G. & G's First Fiddle, 10.12 (Mr. Knoll) 2
Mr. Fireworks' Burst Length, 11.5 (Mr. Johnstone) 3
Also ran:—Mr. Adams' White Fang, 10.7 (Mr. Adams); Mr. Buxey's Victory, 10.9 (Mr. Vida); Mr. Dash's Gaddy, 10.9 (Mr. Sedgwick); Mr. Dryadust's Siggies, 10.9 (Mr. Crokam); Messrs. Gay Bird's Swallow, 11.4 (Mr. Kremer); Messrs. Murray & Leitch's Woodworker, 10.9 (Mr. Hill); Mr. Nemazee's Jayhoon, 10.9 (Mr. Doyle); Sir Paul's Thames Dablia, 11.4 (Mr. Burkill).

Won by a length and a half, a neck between second and third. Time—3.23.

A bad start. First Fiddle took the lead with Starlight second. Starlight went to the front up the incline. At the bend, White Fang showed the way by three lengths and was still in front passing the post with Starlight second. First Fiddle third and Thames Dablia fourth. At the Bowington Gate, Swallow supplanted White Fang, Starlight lying second, White Fang third, and First Fiddle fourth. At the rock, Starlight got upon level terms with the leader with First Fiddle accompanying them and the rest bunched. Starlight went ahead at the end, Swallow keeping second place. Burst Length and First Fiddle pursued the leader but Starlight, hard ridden, beat them by a length and a half.

Parimutuel:—
Winner, \$12.90. Places:—1st, \$7.00; 2nd, \$3.20; 3rd, \$6.60.
Cash Sweep:—

Ticket No. 330 1st	\$924
" " 315 2nd	284
" " 281 3rd	132
Commission	380
Total	\$1,700

\$25 Tickets:—108, 314, 8, 94, 87.

2.—THE GREAT SOUTHERN STAKES.—Winner \$900. Second \$300. Third \$100. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at this Meeting of one Race 5 lb.; of two or more Races 10 lb. extra. Griffins allowed 5 lb.; Subscription Griffins of any Season non-winners allowed 10 lb. Entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Robt Macgregor's Upwood Park, 11.7 (Mr. Hill) 1
Mr. Cire's Daintylight (late Dainty Sand), 10.12 (Mr. Moller) 2
Mr. John Peel's Burning Daylight, 11.1 (Mr. Johnstone) 3
Also ran:—Mr. Fash's Black Jack 11.10 (Mr. Dalglish); Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Tyram Chief, 11.1 (Mr. Knoll).

Won by a head, a neck between second and third. Time—2.40.15.

After a good start Daintylight led, followed by Black Jack, Upwood Park, Tyram Chief and Burning Daylight. Black Jack took the lead past the post with Upwood Park second and Burning Daylight last. Black Jack increased his lead at the Bowington Gate, the field in a bunch. Tyram Chief then went ahead of Daintylight and took third place. Entering the home straight, Daintylight came out and faced neck and neck with Upwood Park and Burning Daylight. A fine race at the finish resulted in Upwood Park winning by a short head.

Parimutuel:—
Winner, \$9.60. Places:—1st, \$5.80; 2nd, \$7.10.
Cash Sweep:—

Ticket No. 79 1st	\$1,235
" " 229 2nd	352
" " 98 3rd	176
Commission	372
Total	\$2,135

\$25 Tickets:—140, 350.

3.—THE HONGKONG STAKES.—Winner \$750. Second \$250. Third \$125. For China ponies. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1918-1919. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner of the Subscription Griffins Challenge Cup 7 lb. extra; non-winners allowed 5 lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. One mile and a half.

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Parimutuel:—
Winner, \$12.90. Places:—1st, \$7.00; 2nd, \$3.20; 3rd, \$6.60.
Cash Sweep:—

Ticket No. 180 1st	\$1,288
" " 322 2nd	363
" " 399 3rd	184
Commission	560
Total	\$2,400

\$25 Tickets:—152, 249, 326, 375, 351, 431, 395, 330.

4.—THE LADIES' PURSE.—Presented \$350 added for Winner. Second to receive \$900. Third \$100. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at this Meeting of one Race 5 lb.; of two or more Races 10 lb. extra. Griffins allowed 5 lb.; Subscription Griffins of any Season non-winners allowed 10 lb. Entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Fash's Grey Goose 11.4 (Mr. Hill) 1
Mr. John Peel's Sandy 11.6 (Mr. Johnstone) 2
Sir Paul's Spotted Sand 11.4 (Mr. Vida) 3
Also ran:—Mr. Cire's Fairlight 11.4 (Mr. Moller); Mr. Dryadust's Salamander 11.4 (Mr. Crokam); Mr. H. Hancock's Dun Duke 11.4 (Mr. Read); Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Essex Chief 11.4 (Mr. Knoll); Mr. Nemazee's Seyhoon 11.4 (Mr. Sedgwick).

Won by a length and a half, one length between second and third. Time—1.55.25.

After a fair start, Essex Chief led with the field following in a bunch. The first time past the post Essex Chief led, with Salamander second, Spotted Sand third, Sandy fourth, Dun Duke fifth and Seyhoon sixth. This order was maintained to the rock, when Salamander was almost on level terms with the leader. At the bend, Grey Goose came out strongly, followed closely by Sandy and Spotted Sand, but Mr. Hill, riding a splendid race, increased his lead in the home straight and won in fine style.

Parimutuel:—
Winner, \$30.50. Places:—1st, \$6.00; 2nd, \$5.50; 3rd, \$5.80.
Cash Sweep:—

Ticket No. 240 1st	\$1,439
" " 130 2nd	417
" " 209 3rd	208
Commission	516
Total	\$2,600

\$25 Tickets:—220, 290, 450, 491, 431.

5.—THE AMERICAN CUP.—Presented by American Citizens resident in Hongkong. Second to receive \$300. Third \$100. For China ponies bona fide Griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one Race 5 lb.; of two Races 7 lb.; of three or more Races 10 lb. extra. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1918-1919 allowed 7 lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10 to go to the Winner. Seven furlongs.

Sir Paul's Parity Dablia, 10.11 (Mr. Vida) 1
Mr. John Peel's Alexander, 11.1 (Mr. Johnstone) 2
Sir Ellis Kadoorie's American Chief, 10.9 (Mr. Knoll) 3
Also ran:—Mr. Cire's Firelight, 10.5 (Mr. Moller); Mr. D. M. Ross Grouse, 11.1 (Mr. Sedgwick); Mr. D. M. Ross' Claret, 10.10 (Mr. Doyle).

Won by three lengths, half a length between second and third. Time—1.51.35.

Purity Dablia caused some delay before the start. He stumbled, unseated his rider and bolted around the course, going through the rail and up the bank at the back. Subsequently he got a flying start and remained in front throughout. Firelight was second in the early stages, American Chief third, Alexander fourth and Claret and Grouse last. At the Bowington Gate, Chief was second and Firelight third. At the rock, Firelight had resumed the second position. At the bend, Claret came up strongly to the leaders. Dablia finished three lengths ahead of them, making easy work of it. Firelight finished fourth.

Parimutuel:—
Winner, \$15.20. Places:—1st, \$6.90; 2nd, \$7.40; 3rd, \$9.50.
Cash Sweep:—

Ticket No. 410 1st	\$1,821
" " 595 2nd	520
" " 416 3rd	260
Commission	548
Total	\$3,150

\$25 Tickets:—505, 323, 450.

6.—THE PHAETHON STAKES.—Handicap. Winner \$900. Second \$300. Third \$100. For China ponies this have run at any Gymkhana Meeting and Griffins on date of entry. Non-starters barred. Entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Soares' Siamese Cat 10.8 (Mr. Hill) 1
Mr. Fash's Pink Eye 10.10 (Mr. Dalglish) 2
Mr. Cire's Footlight 10.10 (Mr. Moller) 3
Also ran:—Mr. Adams' Crest 10.9 (Mr. Sedgwick); Mr. Horford's Malcolm 11.7 (Mr. Crokam); Mr. Henry Hamphrey's Gray Mouse 10.8 (Mr. Knoll); Sir Paul's Venus Dablia 10.11 (Mr. Burkill); Mr. John Peel's Widdon 11.3 (Mr. Johnstone); Mr. Soares' Black Cat 10.00 (Mr. Soares); Mr. Staves' Catford 10.4 (Mr. Vida).

Won by half a length, three-quarters of a length between second and third. Time—2.42.15.

After a false start, Grey Mouse got away in front with Crest and Pink Eye lying handy. The order past the post the first time was Pink Eye, Grey Mouse, Crest, Malcolm and Widdon. At the Bowington Gate, Crest was in second place. At the rock, Malcolm went up with Pink Eye and Crest racing on level terms, Grey Mouse being then fourth. Siamese Cat came to the front in the straight and a good finish followed, Pink Eye retaining second place while Footlight came up strongly on the rails and managed to get third place.

Parimutuel:—
Winner, \$21.50. Places:—1st, \$9.50; 2nd, \$10.40; 3rd, \$14.80.
Cash Sweep:—

Ticket No. 65 1st	\$1,575
" " 568 2nd	507
" " 557 3rd	253
Commission	655
Total	\$3,190

\$25 Tickets:—535, 55, 538, 221, 557, 207, 123.

7.—THE RIALTO STAKES.—Presented by the Members of the Hongkong Stock Exchange. Value \$750 to Winner. Second to receive \$300. Third \$100. For China ponies. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1918-1919. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one Race 5 lb.; of two or more Races 10 lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. Dash's Firefly 11.4 (Mr. Johnstone) 1
Mr. Cire's Moonlight 11.00 (Mr. Moller) 2
Mr. D. Basto's Victory Star 11.3 (Mr. Hill) 3
Also ran:—Mr. Adams' Cassius 11.1 (Mr. Knoll); Mr. Buxey's Hector 10.9 (Mr. Vida); Mr. F. S. Gibbings' Torbay 10.12 (Mr. Crokam); Mr. Medico's Cornhill 11.6 (Mr. Burkill); Mr. Nemazee's Meygoon 10.10 (Mr. Doyle).

Won by a length and a half, half a length between second and third. Time—2.09.25.

Victory Star went away with a tremendous burst and established a lead of many lengths, which he increased until it looked like a runaway victory. The other ponies were all bunched, Meygoon and Cornhill being in the van, with Cassius also well up. It was a merry race up to the rock. Going round the bend, the field caught Victory Star only to see him go away again on entering the straight. Firefly then overtook the leader, closely followed by Moonlight, and won a good race, Victory Star having to be content with third place.

Parimutuel:—
Winner, \$63.80. Places:—1st, \$11.00; 2nd, \$8.80; 3rd, \$9.60.
Cash Sweep:—

Ticket No. 587 1st	\$1,941
" " 361 2nd	554
" " 142 3rd	277
Commission	638
Total	\$3,410

\$25 Tickets:—313, 479, 679, 125, 556.

8.—THE CHAMPION STAKES.—Winner \$3,000. Second \$500. Third \$300. For China ponies. Winners at this Meeting only. Weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. John Peel's Night Hawk, 10.10 (Mr. Johnstone) 1
Mr. Soares' Siamese Cat, 10.12 (Mr. Knoll) 2
Mr. G. H. Potts' Mountain King, 11.1 (Mr. Hill) 3
Also ran:—Sir Paul's Triumph 10.12 (Mr. Burkill); Mr. Fash's Grey Goose 11.1 (Mr. Dalglish); Mr. Robt. Macgregor's Upwood Park 11.7 (Mr. Crokam); Mr. F. S. Gibbings' Standard Dablia 11.7 (Mr. Moller); Mr. Goshad's Snakebox, 11.1 (Mr. Doyle).

Won by half a length, a short head between second and third. Time—2.38.45.

Siamese Cat showed up first at the start, with Triumph second. Triumph quickly took first place, but Night Hawk overhauled him and was in the premier position on reaching the straight. Following him were Triumph, Siamese Cat, Standard Dablia and Mountain King and they passed the post in that order. At the Bowington Gate, Night Hawk was leading by about a length, Standard Dablia and Siamese Cat being together, second, with Triumph and Mountain King forming a partnership third. This order was maintained at the rock. At the bend, Mountain King went up strongly and on the entrance into the straight a ding-dong race resulted, the leading ponies being all in line. It seemed anyone's race and there was great excitement as Night Hawk came in first by half a length. Standard Dablia was beaten by a head for a place, whilst Triumph was fifth.

Parimutuel:—
Winner, \$20.60. Places:—1st, \$9.80; 2nd, \$41.30; 3rd, \$9.00.
Cash Sweep:—

Ticket No. 1547 1st	\$8,932
" " 723 2nd	2,552
" " 998 3rd	1,276
Commission	\$2,840
Total	\$15,600

\$25 Tickets:—535, 55, 538, 221, 557, 207, 123.

9.—THE CONSOLATION STAKES.—Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$100. For China ponies that have run and not won at this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. Dash's Pink Eye 11.4 (Mr. Sedgwick) 1
Sir Paul's Spotted Sand 11.1 (Mr. Vida) 3
Also ran:—Mr. Dynast's Vivat 10.12 (Mr. Read); Mr. Fash's Black Jack 11.1 (Mr. Dalglish); Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Formosa Chief 11.1 (Mr. Knoll); Mr. John Peel's Burning Daylight, 11.1 (Mr. Johnstone); Mr. Dryadust's Maybe, 10.12 (Mr. Crokam).

Won by a short head, half a length between second and third. Time—2.06.45.

Pink Eye was first out and led past the stand, followed by Daintylight and Maybe. At the Bowington Gate, Pink Eye was still in front, Maybe, Formosa Chief and Vivat forming a trio for second place, Daintylight having fallen back a little. Maybe, going up the incline, got back to fourth place. This order was maintained until entering the straight, when Daintylight went after Pink Eye, followed by Spotted Sand. Daintylight managed to win by a short head.

Parimutuel:—
Winner, \$20.60. Places:—1st, \$9.80; 2nd, \$41.30; 3rd, \$9.00.
Cash Sweep:—

Ticket No. 333 1st	\$2,033
" " 284 2nd	581
" " 957 3rd	290
Commission	661
Total	\$3,565

\$25 Tickets:—542, 416, 564, 235, 13.

10.—THE NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES.—Winner \$500. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China ponies. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1918-1919 that have run and not won at this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$5. Five furlongs.

Mr. Soares' Tambourine, 11.1 (Mr. Moller) 1
Messrs. G. and G's Second Fiddle, 10.9 (Mr. Knoll) 2
Sir Paul's Avon Dablia, 10.12 (Mr. Vida) 3
Also ran:—Mr. G. H. Potts' Turf King, 10.9 (Mr. Hill); Mr. Waybourn's When in Doubt, 10.10 (Mr. Doyle); Mr. Adams' White Fang, 10.10 (Mr. Sedgwick); Mr. Buxey's Excelsior 10.7 (Mr. Moody); Mr. Dash's Gaddy 10.13 (Mr. Sutton); Mr. H.B.L. Dowbiggin's Dalekman, 11.1 (Mr. Read); Mr. Dryadust's Shiggin 10.12 (Mr. Crokam); Dr.

Forsey's Morning Star 10.12 (Mr. Sedgwick).

Won by half a length, three-quarters of a length between second and third. Time—1.17.45.

After several false starts, Second Fiddle got away with Tambourine and Morning Star following. These three led the field all the way. There was a hard finish, Tambourine winning a good race. Avon Dablia, who came strongly up from the rear, was just beaten for second place. Parimutuel:—

Winner, \$58.10. Places:—1st, \$15.70; 2nd, \$15.30; 3rd, \$14.50.
Cash Sweep:—

Ticket No. 325 1st	\$2,442
" " 700 2nd	697
" " 286 3rd	348
Commission	853
Total	\$4,340

\$25 Tickets:—122, 866, 315, 100, 314, 91, 223, 137.

Forsey's Morning Star 10.12 (Mr. Sedgwick).

Won by half a length, three-quarters of a length between second and third. Time—1.17.45.

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TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(Wah Tsai Yat Po Service.)

Shanghai, Feb. 25.

The Foreign Department has formally replied to the foreign Ministers that although the European war is ended, Siberia is still in disorder; therefore the War Participation Army's existence is necessary. It has not been converted into a National Defence Army.

Tang Shao-ye is greatly indignant at Peking's reply, that the 8th Year Loan will be submitted to the new Parliament. He has immediately replied to Peking, that the new Parliament itself is a question for discussion by the conference, and that before the conference's acceptance of the new Parliament, anything passed by it cannot be lawful.

To-day the Conference met at 9 o'clock. There was a full attendance. On the discussion of the Shensi question, Tang Shao-ye demanded strict observation of the Armistice by the Northerners, and Chu Kai-kim promised to wire to Peking strictly to enforce five articles. Regarding the Sino-Japanese military parts, Chu Kai-kim showed the conference one Peking telegram stating that copies are being made for putting before the conference. On the War Participation loan question, Tong Shao-ye ordered the secretaries to record his protest in the minutes.

DOUBLES!**A NEW DRINK RITUAL.**

Testotolars in England have received a nasty blow (writes a returned soldier) by the invention of an insidious new drink ritual. Just before I left England for France a heavy attack was made upon the old "Chin-chin" brigade, so that it not only became unfashionable but illegal to drink the health of a friend at his expense. People gave up saying "Cheerio," "Chin-chin," "Good health," "Here's luck," and a variety of other phrases, to the accompaniment of a reasonable expenditure. Those days have gone. But in London and the provinces this sort of thing now takes place every day. Fat Man (to Hebel): Have you any whisky, Miss? Hebe: We can only serve you once. Thin Man: Mine's seven stars, ol' chap. Hebe (glancing round the bar): There's no treating here, please. F. M. to T. M.: Doubles or single? T. M. to F. M.: Doubles! F. M. to Hebe: Doubles! F. M. draws two separate half-crowns from his pocket, lays them solemnly on the counter and gestures hard at the No-Treating Order. The "Doubles" are

NOTICE.

NOTICE. — All persons interested in dogs, poultry, & pigeons, are invited to attend a meeting to be held in the Music Room of the City Hall on FRIDAY next, 8th inst. at 6 p.m., to discuss the advisability of holding a combined show in the near future.

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Manager.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the registered office of the Company, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 8th day of FEBRUARY, 1919, at noon when the subject of resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the EIGHTH day of FEBRUARY, 1919, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

"That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, viz:—

"In Article 8 the word 'five' shall be substituted for the word 'four'."

The effect of this resolution will be to increase the maximum number of Directors from four to five.

Dated the Fourteenth day of February, 1919.

By Order of the Board,

J. H. TAGGART,

Secretary & Manager.

EXCHANGE.

SELLING.

T/T Demand	3/1	3/16
30 d/s	3/1	5/16
60 d/s	3/1	7/16
4 m/s	3/1	4/16
T/T Shanghai	131	
T/T Singapore	142	
T/T Japan	Nom.	
T/T India	Nom.	
Demand, India	Nom.	
T/T San Francisco	73 3/4	
do & New York	177	
T/T Java	N. m.	
T/T Manila	400 1/2	
T/T France	401	
Demand, Paris	401	

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	3/2 1/4
4 m/s. D/F	3/2 1/4
6 m/s. L/C	3/2 3/4
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	3/2 3/4
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	74 3/4
4 m/s. Manila	Nom.
4 m/s. France	418
6 m/s. France	423
Demand Germany	73 1/4
T/T Bombay	Nom.
Demand, New York	73 1/4
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	149
Demand, Singapore	131
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	Nom.
On Bangkok	50 1/4
Sovereign	6 35 Nom.
Gold leaf per oz	45
Bar Silver, per oz	47 3/4

SUBSIDIARY COINS

DISCOUNT PER \$100.	
Hongkong 50 cts sub.	par.
10	53 1/2 prem.
5	42 1/2 prem.
1	42 1/2 prem.

NOTICE.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

THURSDAY 27th February, 1919,

commencing at 11 a.m.

at his Sales rooms, Duddell Street.

(For account of the concerned)

320 cwt. Pan Head Rivets

320 cwt. Pan Head Rivets

190 cwt. Pan Head Rivets

4 1/2 tons Round Mild Steel Bars

5 tons Round Mild Steel Bars

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

THURSDAY, the 27th Feb 1919,

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at No. 5 Minden Villas (Kwloon)

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture comprising—

Cherrywood drawing room suite, Chesterfield sofa & easy chairs, pile carpets, & rug, pictures etc etc.

Teak sideboard, extension dining table & chairs, dinner wagon, glass & crockery ware etc etc.

Double & single teak wardrobes with mirrors, to let tables, washstands, toilet crockery etc. etc.

Also

Electric light fittings, 2 ceiling fans & 2 desk fans.

1 Chubb's Safe

1 Hand Sewing Machine

N.B. Most of the above furniture made by Lane Crawford & Co.

On View from Wednesday, the 26th inst.

Catalogue will be issued.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1919.

G. P. LAMMERT

All persons, with the exception of those of Chinese race, desiring to leave the Colony should apply in person between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily—

AT THE PASS OFFICE, POST OFFICE BUILDING.

Applicants will be required to produce Passports or identification papers.

All persons with certain exceptions who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to register themselves under the REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916.

Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G. P. O. and at all Police Stations.

The Penalty for non-compliance is a fine not exceeding \$50.

THE HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

APPLICATION forms for Membership of the above Association may be obtained from all the Banks or from the undersigned.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

Honorary Secretaries & Treasurers.

Hongkong, 15th January 1919.

NOTICE.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

NOTICE.—The Annual general meeting will be held in the Club House on FRIDAY, 29th Feb. 1919 at 6 p.m.

D. S. COOPER,

Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

ST. DAVID'S DAY.

March 1st, 1919.

NOTICE.—The members of the Welsh Community of Hongkong will be "at home" to the Officers and men of the Naval and Military Services of Welsh nationality at King George's Hall, The Seamen's Institute, Praya East, on the above date. Tables will be laid for 7 p.m. and a Concert will be given by Welsh Artists at 9 p.m. Invitations will be issued.

W. C. FODNEY,

Hon. Secy.

H.M.R. Naval Yard.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE THIRTY FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chester Road, Victoria on TUESDAY the 4th March, 1919, at 12 o'clock for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1918, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from THURSDAY the 27th February, 1919, until TUESDAY the 4th March, 1919, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1919.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to the Undersigned on SATURDAY, the 22nd February.

No Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS, which can be had on application to the Undersigned. These Tickets are only available for Servants who are in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit them, and the holders thereof will be removed from the Course.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1919.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1919.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY (OFF-DAY).

February 24th, 25th and 26th and 1st March.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs Kelly and Walsh Limited, or at the Gate Price \$10 for the Meeting (excluding the OFF-DAY, \$1).

No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the G-ate.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 19th February 1919.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

RACE WEEK.

A TINNER DANCE will be held on TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY) 6th February.

Special admission to the main dining room at \$2.50 per person in the GRILL ROOM.

TABLE BOOKINGS AT HOTEL MAIN OFFICE.

J. H. TAGGART,

Manager.

NOTICE.

HO GKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Company's Hotel, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 28th February, 1919, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from FRIDAY, 28th February to FRIDAY, 28th February 1919 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. H. TAGGART,

Manager.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1919.

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LTD.

TIME TABLE WEEK DAYS.

2.00 a.m. to 2.30 a.m.	Every 15 mins.
2.30 a.m. to 3.00 a.m.	15 mins.
3.00 a.m. to 3.30 a.m.	15 mins.
3.30 a.m. to 4.00 a.m.	15 mins.
4.00 a.m. to 4.30 a.m.	15 mins.
4.30 a.m. to 5.00 a.m.	15 mins.
5.00 a.m. to 5.30 a.m.	15 mins.
5.30 a.m. to 6.00 a.m.	15 mins.
6.00 a.m. to 6.30 a.m.	15 mins.
6.30 a.m. to 7.00 a.m.	15 mins.
7.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.	15 mins.
7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m.	15 mins.
8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.	15 mins.
8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.	15 mins.
9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.	15 mins.
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11.30 a.m. to 12.00 a.m.	15 mins.
12.00 a.m. to 12.30 a.m.	15 mins.
12.30 a.m. to 1.00 a.m.	15 mins.
1.00 a.m. to 1.30 a.m.	15 mins.
1.30 a.m. to 2.00 a.m.	15 mins.

NIGHT CARS.

8.50 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. 10.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. 11.00 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. 11.45 p.m. to 12.15 a.m.

SATURDAY EXTRA CARS.

1.30 p.m. and 12.00 midnight.

SUNDAYS.

2.00 a.m. to 2.30 a.m.	Every 15 mins.
2.30 a.m. to 3.00 a.m.	15 mins.
3.00 a.m. to 3.30 a.m.	15 mins.
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NIGHT CARS.

8.50 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. 10.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. 11.00 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. 11.45 p.m. to 12.15 a.m.

SPECIAL CARS.

By arrangement with the Company's Office, a motor car will be sent to the door of the passenger at the rate of \$1.00 per hour.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON

MARTIN'S APOLI STEEL PILLS

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BANKS.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

GOVERNMENT BANK.

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of 22nd November, 1917.)

Authorised Capital \$50,000,000.00

Paid-up Capital \$12,279,500.00

Reserve Funds \$3,197,400.00

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

BRANCHES & SUB-BRANCHES:

(Peking): Haikow, Tientsin, (North): Mirun, Chohai, Pashien, Niulansan, Huanhua, (Chihli): Tientsin, Paotinfu, Lutai, Tsinhai, Tientsin, Sangfang, Shuntai, Tangshan, Taming, Chohai, Weinsien, (Manchuria): Changchun, Moukden, Kirin, Tsitsihar, Newchang, Liaoyuan, Harbin, Dairen, Antung, Tiching, Chinghsien, Sifeng, Hulan, Suifu, Hailu, Ninguta, Kanchow, Liangyung, Fuyu, Fengchi, Kaiping, (Hupei): Hankow, Shai, Ichang, (Hunan): Changsha, (Kiangsu): Shanghai, Nankin, Soochow, Yangchow, Chinkiang, Wush, Hangchow, Tunchow, (South): Tientsin, (Shantung): Tsinan, Tsingtao, Chefoo, Tenghsien, Lintsin, (Shensi): Taiyuan, Yungsheng, Sinkiang, Tatumfu, (Honn): Kaitung, Chowkiakow, Hanchow, (Kwangtung): Hongkong, Canton, Swatow, Kiangchow, Fuchow, Foochow, Amoy, Hankow, Chanchow, Changchow, Sanchow, (Chekiang): Hangchow, Shaoxing, Hangchow, Kashing, Wenchow, Ningpo, Lanchow, Yuyao, Haimen, (Kiang): Nanchang, Kinkiang, Kanchow, Chintchen, Chian, (Anhui): Wuhu, Ankang, Pangfow, Luchow, Tatum, Tungki, Luau, (Szechuen): Kweichow, Kweichow, (Shansi): Sianfu, Hangchow, (Suiyuan): Kweichow, Paotow, (Urga): Urga, Haktiao.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Interest allowed on current accounts and fixed deposits. Terms on application. Every description of Banking Business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities. Special facilities for home exchange.

TSUYEE PEI,

Manager.

NOTICE.

BANK OF CHINA

HONGKONG.

UNDER instructions from Head Office Peking a branch of the above Bank has been established in Hongkong at No. 20 and 21 Cornhill Road and the following officers have been appointed and authorised to sign on behalf of the Bank.

Mr. Tsuyee Pei, Manager

Mr. D. R. McRae, Sub-Manager

Mr. Li Hui Yin Assistant Manager.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

THE FINAL DIVIDEND DECLARED for the Year ending 31st December 1918, at the rate of two pence five shillings Sterling together with a Bonus of one round ten shillings per share, is payable on and after MONDAY the 24th day of February, Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By ORDER of the COURT of DIRECTORS,

N. J. STABB,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd February 1919.

Yorkshire Insurance Co. Limited.

ESTABLISHED 1884.

The Undersigned AGENTS for the above Company prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NOTICES.

THE CIGARETTES WITH THE PEDIGREE

"THREE CASTLES"

THE NEW SIZED

"THREE CASTLES"

SUPER MAGNUMS.

The Big brothers of the "Three Castles" family.

Sold in patent air-tight tins containing 50 Cigarettes.

ON SALE AT ALL TOBACCONISTS.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND
GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hongkong, on Friday, the seventh day of March, 1919, at 12 o'clock noon when the subjoined resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions, that is to say:—

1. That the capital of the Company be increased from \$5,000,000.00 to \$10,000,000.00 by the creation of 20,000 new shares of \$50 each such new shares to participate in any dividend declared after the 7th February, 1919, pro rata with the existing capital.

2. That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, viz:—

(a) By the insertion of the words "without the sanction of the Directors" between the word "shall" and the word "except" in line 2 of Article 19.

(b) By the addition of the following words at the end of Article 19:—
"Provided further that the registration of a transfer of shares whereby the holding of any shareholder is increased beyond 1500 shares shall be conclusive evidence that the sanction of the directors to such increased holding has been given."

(c) By the insertion of the letter "(a)" after the figures "101" constituting the number of Article 101 and by the addition of the following paragraph to Article 101:—

(b) The Board may employ the reserve fund for the time being or any portion thereof (and that whether such fund or such portion as is proposed to be dealt with was set aside for the special purpose to which it is proposed to be applied or for any other purpose or not) in or for all or any of the following purposes; that is to say, in meeting claims or liabilities, in equalising dividends, in paying special dividends, in repaying, improving or maintaining any of the property of the Company or otherwise in the business of the Company and in or for such other purposes as the Board shall, in its discretion, think proper for the interests of the Company and in regard to any such claim or liability the Board shall not be bound to keep the employment as aforesaid separate from the other assets.

(4) By the addition immediately after Article 101 of a new Article as follows:—

"101A. (1) The Company in General Meeting may in the year 1919 pass a resolution to the effect that it is desirable to capitalise to the extent provided for by this Article the sum of \$1,000,000.00 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and accordingly that for the purpose of effecting such capitalisation such sum of \$1,000,000.00 be distributed as a bonus amongst the persons who are registered as the holders of the issued shares of the Company on such date as the Board shall decide in proportion to the issued shares held by them on that date respectively, and that the Board be authorised to distribute amongst such persons as aforesaid one new unissued share for each complete number of three issued shares held by them and that the Board be further authorised to allot the surplus of unissued shares remaining after such allotment to such persons at such times and on such terms and conditions as they think fit."

(2) When such resolution has been passed the Board may allot and issue the 20,000 unissued shares of the Company credited as fully paid up to such persons as are referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article in satisfaction of the said bonus to the extent of allotting one unissued share for each complete number of three issued shares held by them respectively, and prior to such allotment the Board may authorise any person on behalf of the Company providing for the allotment to them of such shares with the Company providing for the allotment to them of such shares credited as fully paid up and in satisfaction as aforesaid and in such proportion as aforesaid and any Agreement made under such authority shall be effective."

(3) It shall be no objection to resolutions passed under paragraph (1) of this Article that they are passed at the meeting at which the resolution introduced this Article was confirmed as a Special Resolution provided that the notice of the intention to propose such first mentioned resolutions shall have been given prior to the confirmatory meeting aforesaid."

Should the above resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

By Order of the Board,
W. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1919.

POST OFFICE.

Allied soldiers in the various hospitals in Siberia are badly in need of reading matter. Any books, newspapers, etc., for their use handed in at the P. O. will be packed and forwarded to them free.

A fee of \$4, in respect of the performance of Customs Formalities, is now charged on every parcel from abroad for delivery in the United Kingdom on which British Customs Charges are payable. The fee is collected from the addressee except in the case of duty paid parcels when the amount may be prepaid by the sender.

Registered and Parcel Mail close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

INWARD MAILS.

Manila & U.S.A.—Per SEIKYO MARU, 26th Feb.

Straits—Per DILWARA, 1st March.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.

Swatow and Straits—Per TAMIN, 27th Feb., 9 a.m.

Fort Payard, H. Chow and Haiphong—Per SONGMA, 27th Feb., 9 a.m.

Haiphong—Per JADU, 27th Feb., 10 a.m.

Shanghai and N. China—Per SUIYANG, 27th Feb., 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, 18th February.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAITAN, 18th Feb., 1 p.m.

Philippines—Per YUENPANG, 22th Feb., 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, 1st March.

Shanghai and North China, Japan & Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America & Europe via V. O. S.—Per AFRICA, 1st March, 10 a.m.

Shanghai and N. China—Per CHENAN, 1st March, 3 p.m.

Amoy, Shanghai and North China—Per TIANAN, 1st March, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, 2nd March.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow via Keelung—Per AM-KUDA MARU, 2nd March, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 4th March.

Shanghai and North China—Per TIAP, 4th March, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, 6th March.

Haiphong—Per KATONG, 6th March, 9 a.m.

Shanghai and N. China—Per SUIYANG, 6th March, 11 a.m.

PHOTOPLAY ACTING.

WHAT THE BARA THINKS.

"Photoplay acting is both my vocation and my avocation. If I may so express myself," says The Bara, Star of "The Serpent" and other William Fox successes. "I have no hobby and no fault, like some actresses. If it were a physical possibility for me to work for twenty-four hours a day before the camera, I should be glad to do so."

"I am never so happy as when acting in photoplay, and I never tire of my art, for it is of more vital importance to me than any other thing in life. Horse-back riding, motoring, golf, tennis or any of the other hundred and one means of diversion which so many actresses follow, are hindrances to one's work. It is true, to be sure, that a certain amount of relaxation is necessary for everyone; I relax by taking long walks in the open air."

"Do you think you will ever tire of your work before the camera?" Miss Bara was asked. "Never!" said she. "I am miserable in those periods of enforced idleness between productions, and I haunt the William Fox studios even when not working on a picture."

"Then you mean that walking in the open air is your sole means of brushing the cobwebs from your brain?"

"I do," was the response. "How about your home life? Do you consider yourself domestic?"

"I am a home body," replied Miss Bara, "yet I would hardly consider myself of the domestic type. I have never enjoyed cooking or sewing or any other domestic care. Each bores me. Every detail of my home life is superintended by my housekeeper, who came from Paris with me."

"Oh yes," said Miss Bara, "I have one weakness which I nearly forgot to confess. It is letter reading. I receive a daily average of two hundred letters from all over the country. These are opened by my own hand. While I find no time to pen answers, I enjoy learning the public's opinion of me."

"Do you think that photoplay offers the same field of opportunity to-day that it did a time ago?" was a question put to Miss Bara.

"There is always opportunity for those who make it," answered she with a smile. "The average aspirant to photoplay is wholly unfitted for the work she desires to take up. If a girl has the requisite qualities and a capacity for hard work, I should be the last to dissuade her from appearing before the motion picture camera."

"The Serpent" is to be screened at the Coronet Theatre tomorrow.

TO STUDY CONDITIONS IN THE FAR EAST.

The U. S. Foreign Trade Department had the good fortune to meet Mr. John A. Fowler, Trade Commissioner of the Department of Commerce, who has left for Singapore. Mr. Fowler is going to the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States to study conditions and report on opportunities for American business men. Mr. Fowler is a native of San Francisco and has lived in the Orient for twelve years.

CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

AS. "SPINYO MARU,"
from SAN FRANCISCO VIA
HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS
AND MANILA.

The above named steamer having arrived, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bill of Lading for counter-signature and to take immediate delivery from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on 28th February, 1919, at 5 P.M., will be landed at consignees risk, and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed on all cargo remaining undelivered on 5th March, 1919, at 5 P.M.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised after the goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged goods will be landed into Company's Godowns, where they will be examined on 6th March 1919, at 10 A.M.

No Claim will be recognised if filed after the 10th March 1919.

T. DAIGO,
Manager.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1919.

ASAHI BEER



SOLE AGENTS:
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

TO-NIGHT
9.15 P.M.

Pathe presents

BABY MARIE OSBORNE

IN
A DAUGHTER OF THE WEST.

MATINEE
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27th
at 5.15 p.m.

THE SLANDER. (by special request.)

Coming Coming
FREEDONY

VAUDEVILLE CO.

Booking at ANDERSON'S.

THE

TEL. NO. 1743. **CORONET** TEL. NO. 1743.

TO-NIGHT

FRANK KEENAN

IN

"RULER OF THE ROAD."

HAROLD LLOYD

IN

OVER THE FENCE.

British Gazette No. 489.

Booking at ROBINSON'S.

HOTELS.

The Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.

Operating:—
THE HONGKONG HOTEL The leading Hotel in the Far East.
THE REPULSE BAY HOTEL The coming seaside resort of South China.
(opening in the Summer of 1919)
THE HOTEL MANSIONS The headquarters of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, and the leading American business concerns.
(Office premises)

The Hotel Company, having recently extended their cold storage plant and instituted motor transportation, are specialising in outside catering such as banquets, dances, picnics, etc., and are prepared to supply all necessary equipment, decorations, furnishings, and music.

Quotations may be obtained on application at the Hotel Main Office, or representative will call on communicating with

Telephone No. 483, Catering Department.
Telephone No. 1673, Manager.

J. H. TAGGART,
Manager.

THE PEAK HOTEL

1,600 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.
15 MINUTES FROM LANDING STAGE.
UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF
MRS. BLAIR.

KING EDWARD HOTEL.

CENTRAL LOCATION.
ELECTRIC LIFTS AND LIGHTING.
TELEPHONE ON EACH FLOOR.
HOTEL LAUNCH MEETS ALL STEAMERS.
Tel. 373. Telegraphic Address: "VICTORIA"
J. WITCHELL,
Manager.

KINGSLERE HOTEL MID-LEVEL
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